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A close-up portrait of Sung Jin, the main character of the anime Solo Leveling. He has short black hair and intense, glowing white eyes. He is wearing a black high-collared shirt. The background is a dark, swirling blue and black mist with small glowing blue and orange particles.

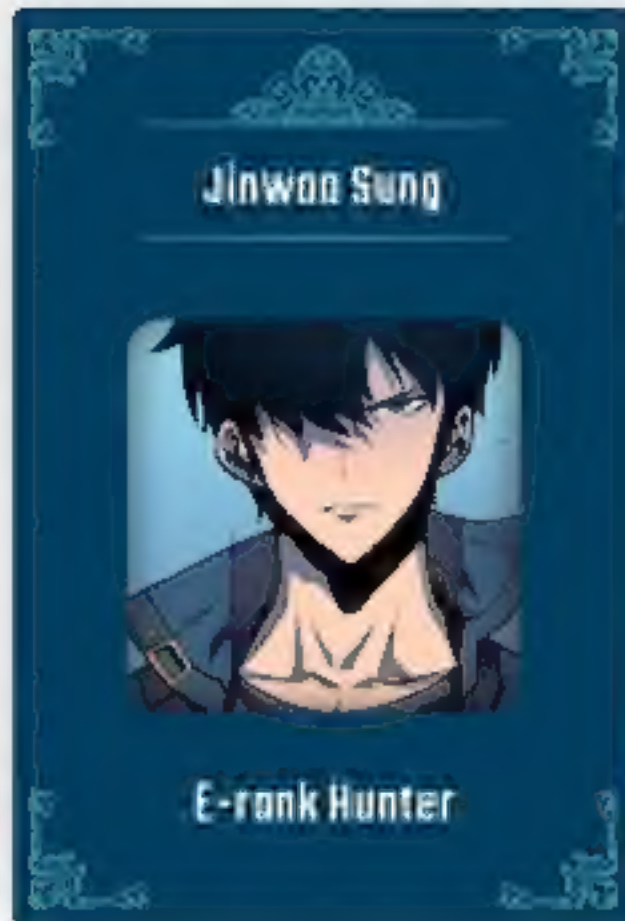
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NOPE, I'M NOT DYING HERE.

THE KEY TO ACCESS THE DEMON'S CASTLE—



INCREDIBLY, ITS ACQUISITION-DIFFICULTY LEVEL IS A-RANK!

IF THE ACQUISITION-DIFFICULTY LEVEL MATCHES THE LEVEL OF THE DUNGEON, THE RATE OF SURVIVAL WOULD BE CLOSE TO ZERO.

IT'D BE WISE TO SPEND MORE TIME LEVELING UP AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GO IN.

THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY INCREASES EXPONENTIALLY WITH B-RANK AND HIGHER GATES.

AND ONLY A FEW S-RANK GATES HAVE EVER OPENED ACROSS THE GLOBE.

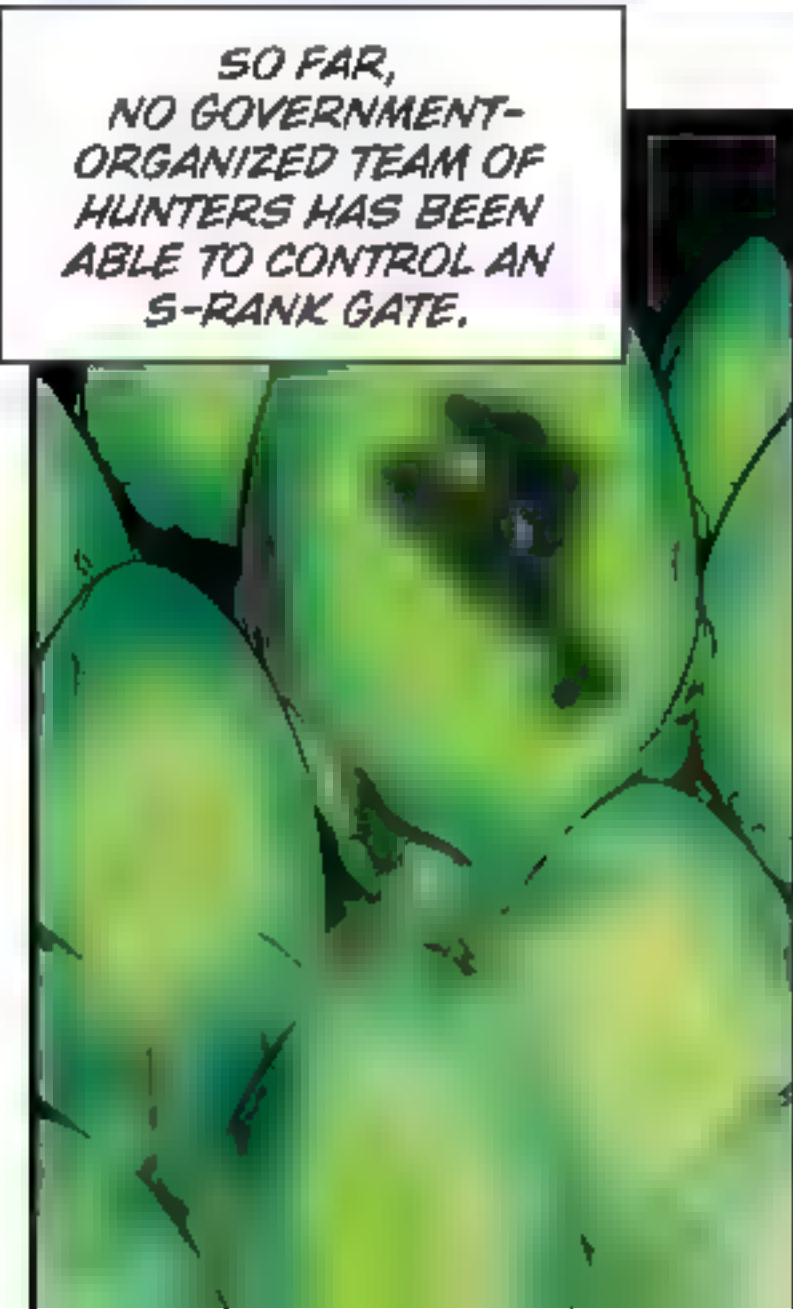


ONE OF THEM
OPENED ON
JEJU ISLAND.



IT BECAME A
NO-MAN'S-LAND
FOLLOWING AN S-RANK
DUNGEON BREAK.

NO ONE KNOWS IF IT'S
POSSIBLE FOR EVEN
A TEAM OF S-RANK
HUNTERS TO CLEAR AN
S-RANK GATE.



SO FAR,
NO GOVERNMENT-
ORGANIZED TEAM OF
HUNTERS HAS BEEN
ABLE TO CONTROL AN
S-RANK GATE.



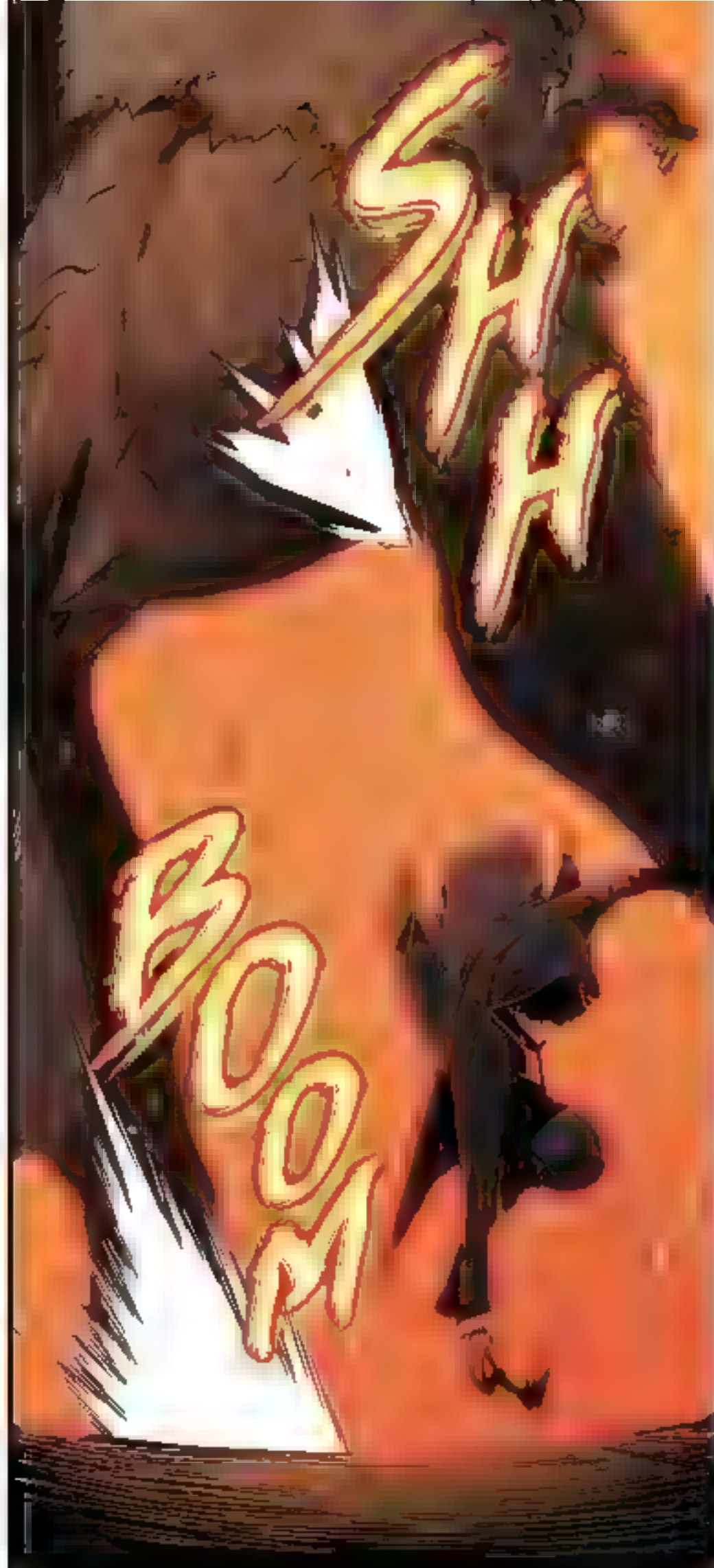
GIVEN MY
CURRENT LEVEL,
I SHOULD NEVER
HAVE COME HERE.

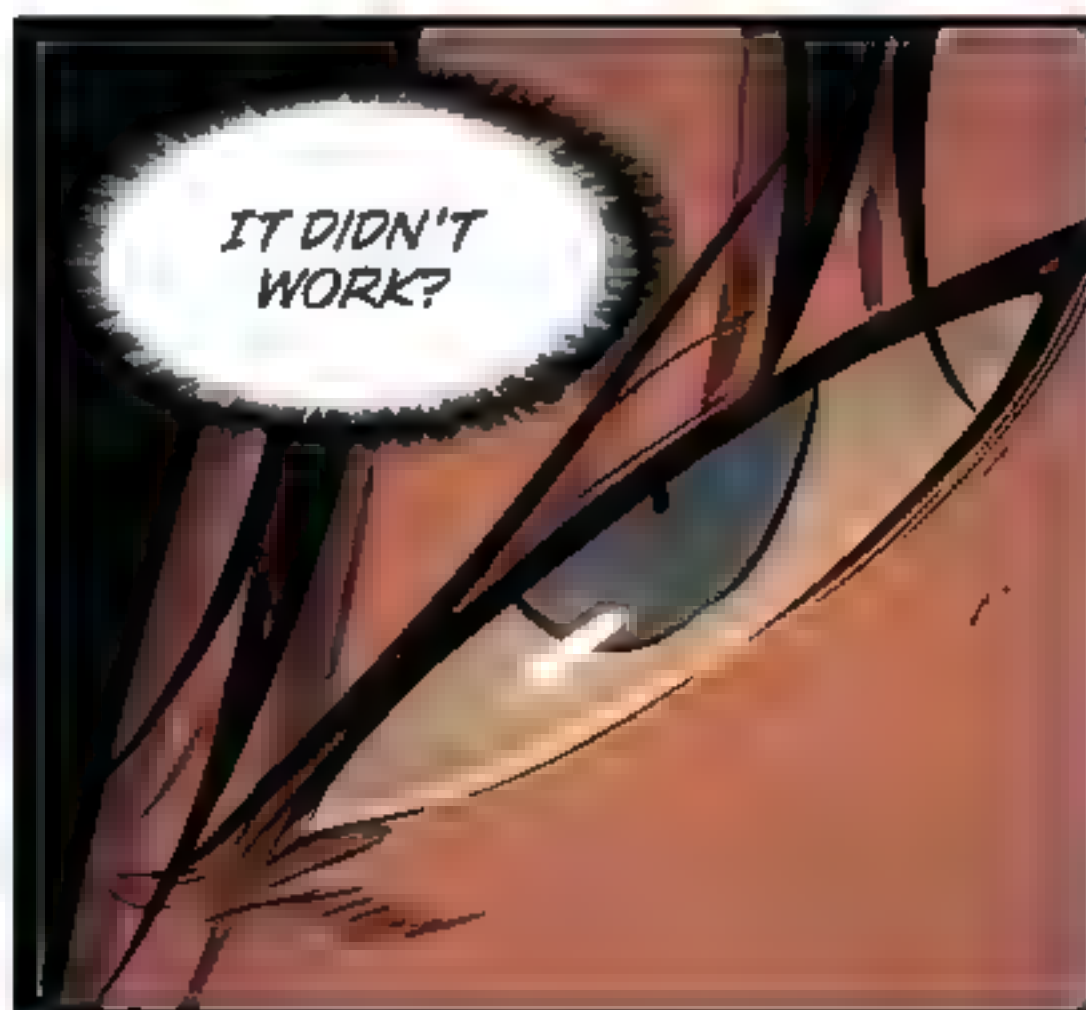
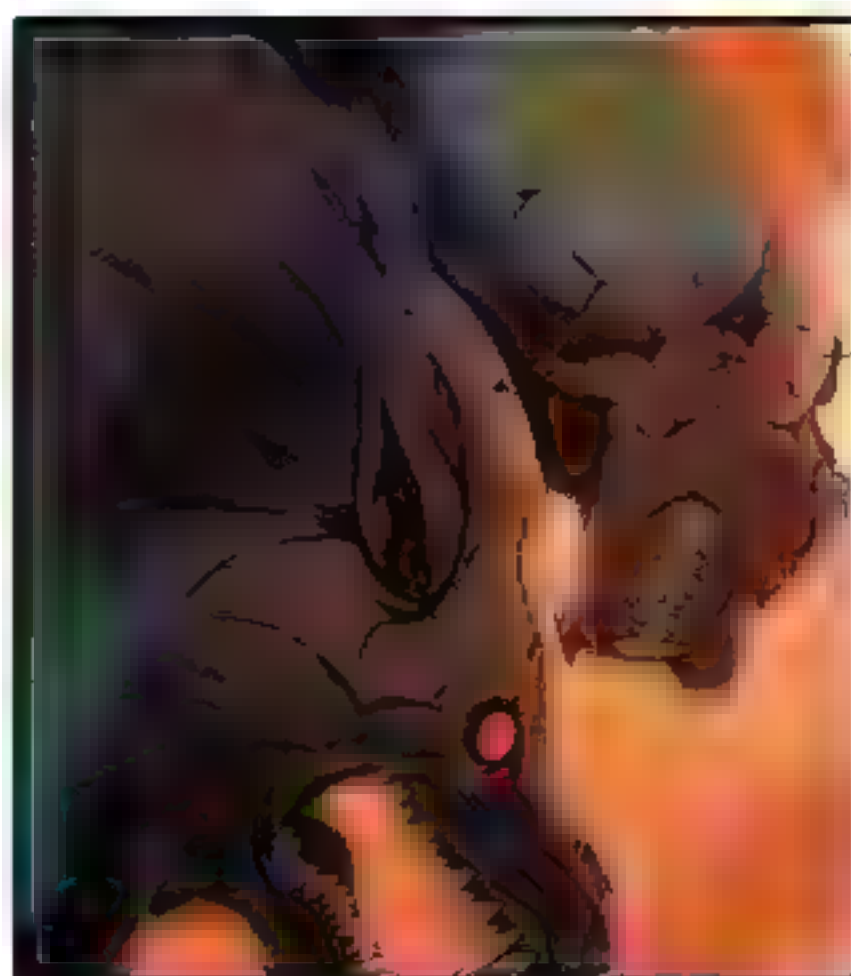
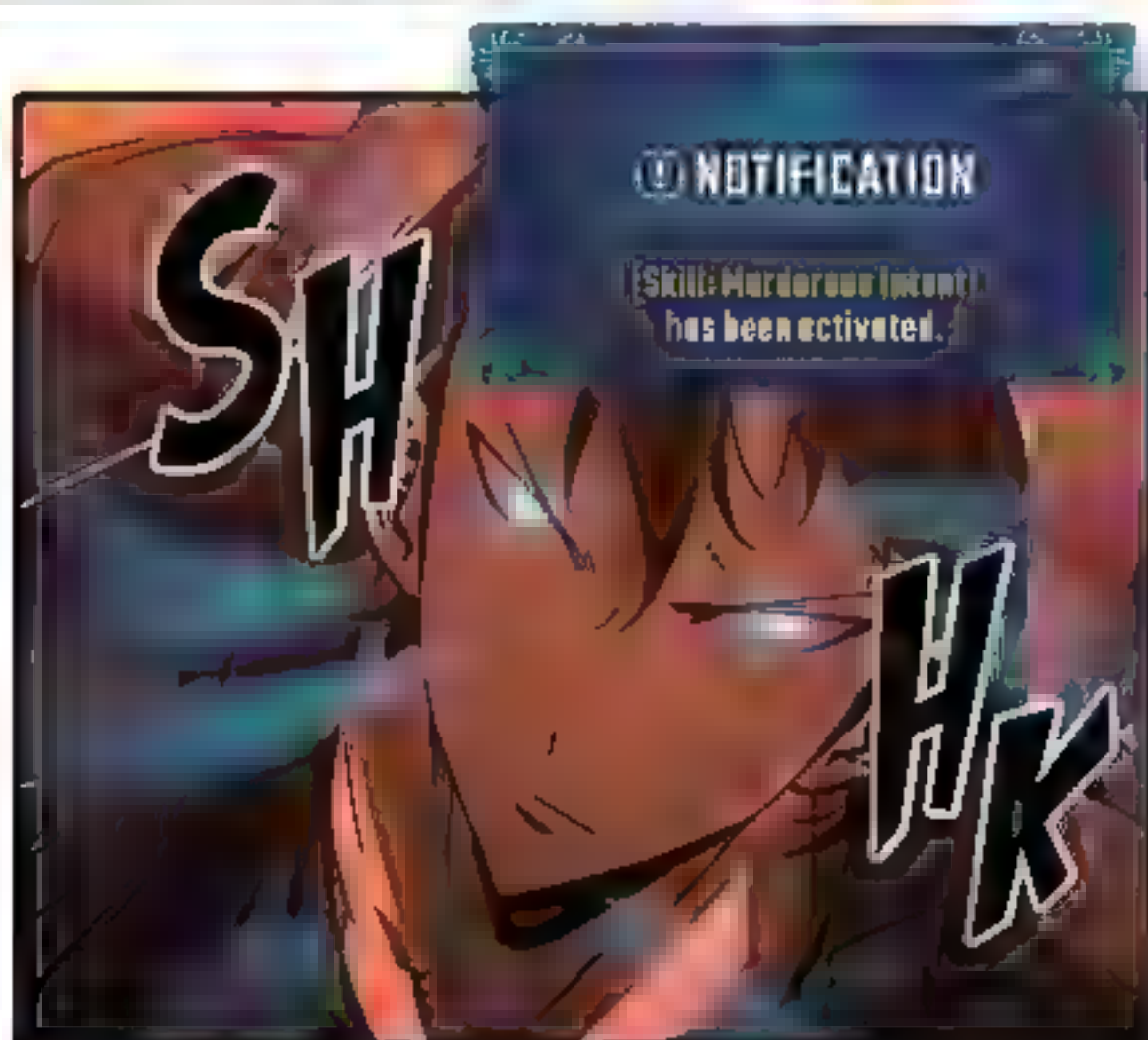
ONE SHOULDN'T
UNDERESTIMATE HOW
DANGEROUS S-RANK
MAGIC BEASTS ARE.

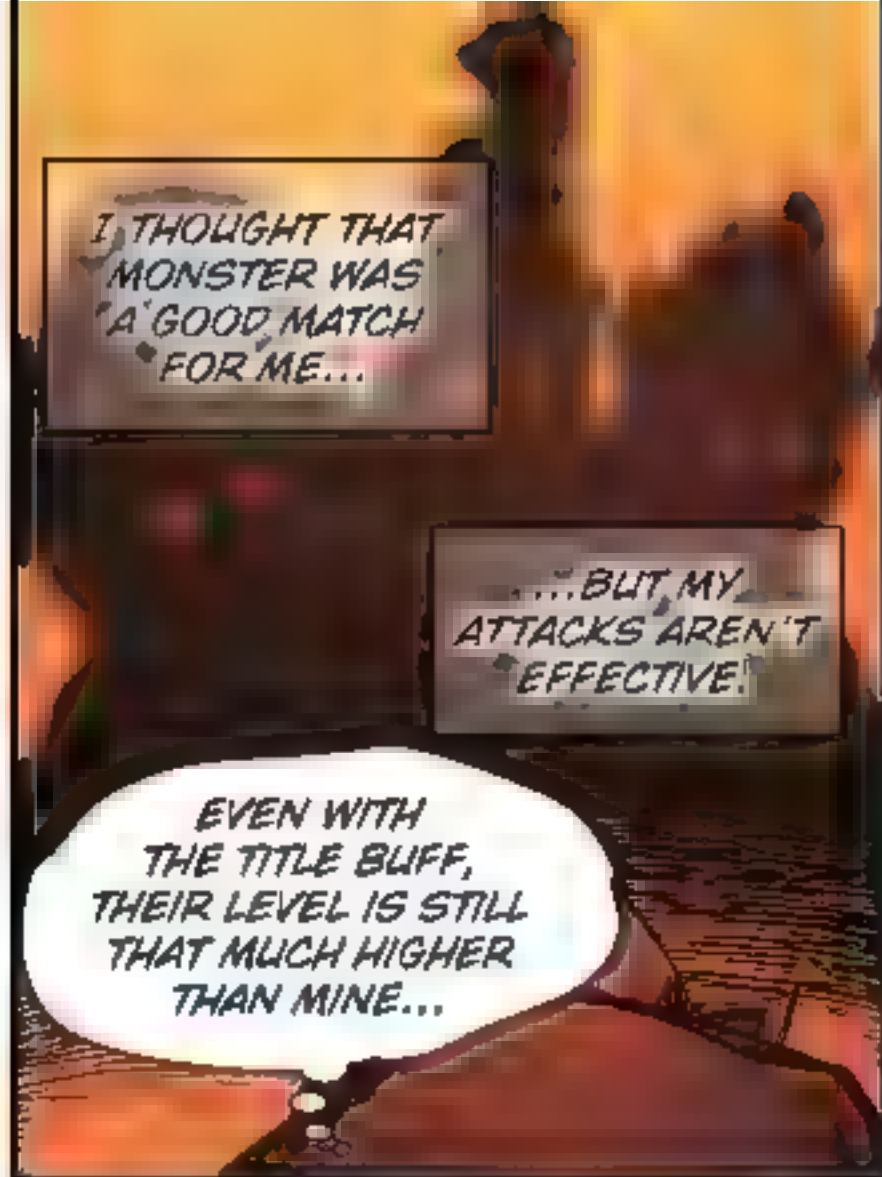


THEY ARE
RESISTANT
TO THE
STRONGEST
ATTACKS.

THEY CAN
INSTAKILL.



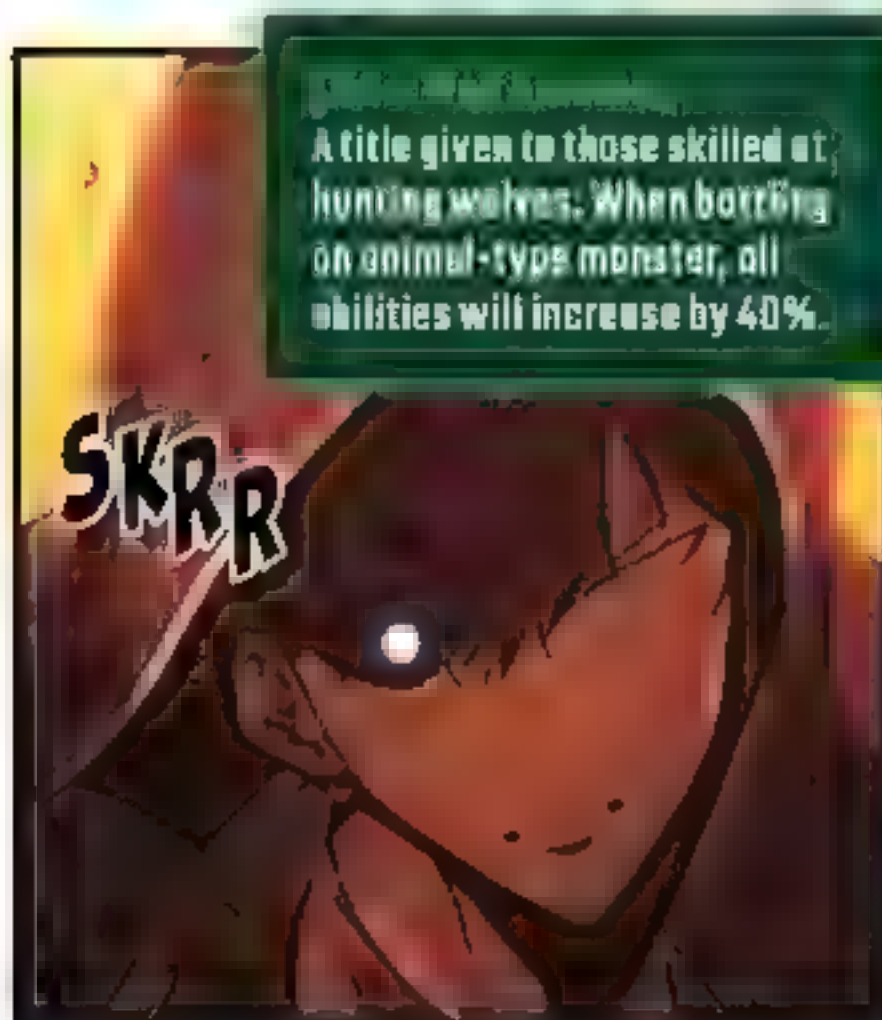




I THOUGHT THAT
MONSTER WAS
A GOOD MATCH
FOR ME...

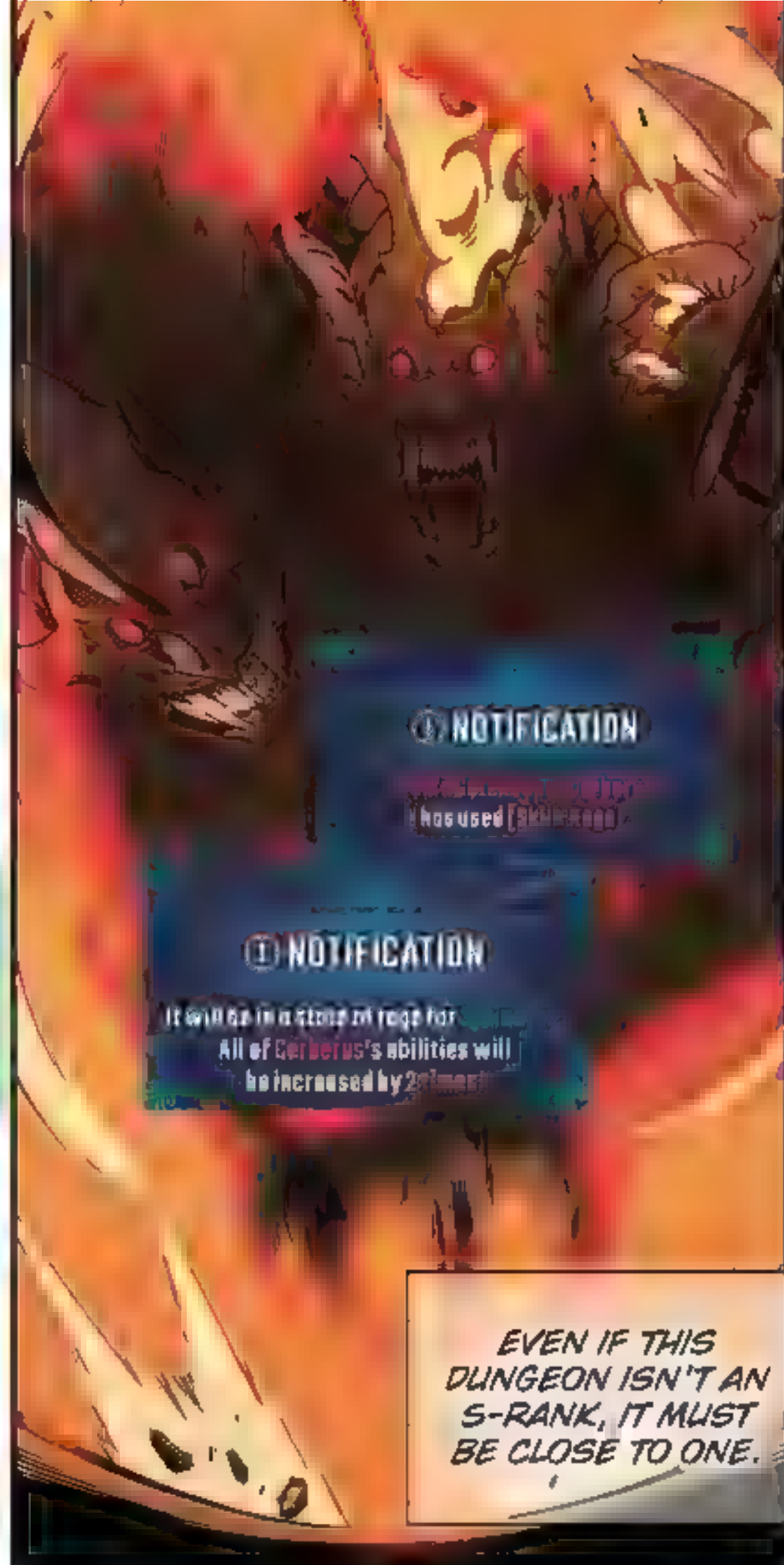
...BUT MY
ATTACKS AREN'T
EFFECTIVE.

EVEN WITH
THE TITLE BUFF,
THEIR LEVEL IS STILL
THAT MUCH HIGHER
THAN MINE...



A title given to those skilled at
hunting wolves. When battling
an animal-type monster, all
abilities will increase by 40%.

SKRR



① NOTIFICATION

has used [SKINHEAD]

① NOTIFICATION

It will be in a state of rage for
All of Gerberus's abilities will
be increased by 20%.

EVEN IF THIS
DUNGEON ISN'T AN
S-RANK, IT MUST
BE CLOSE TO ONE.



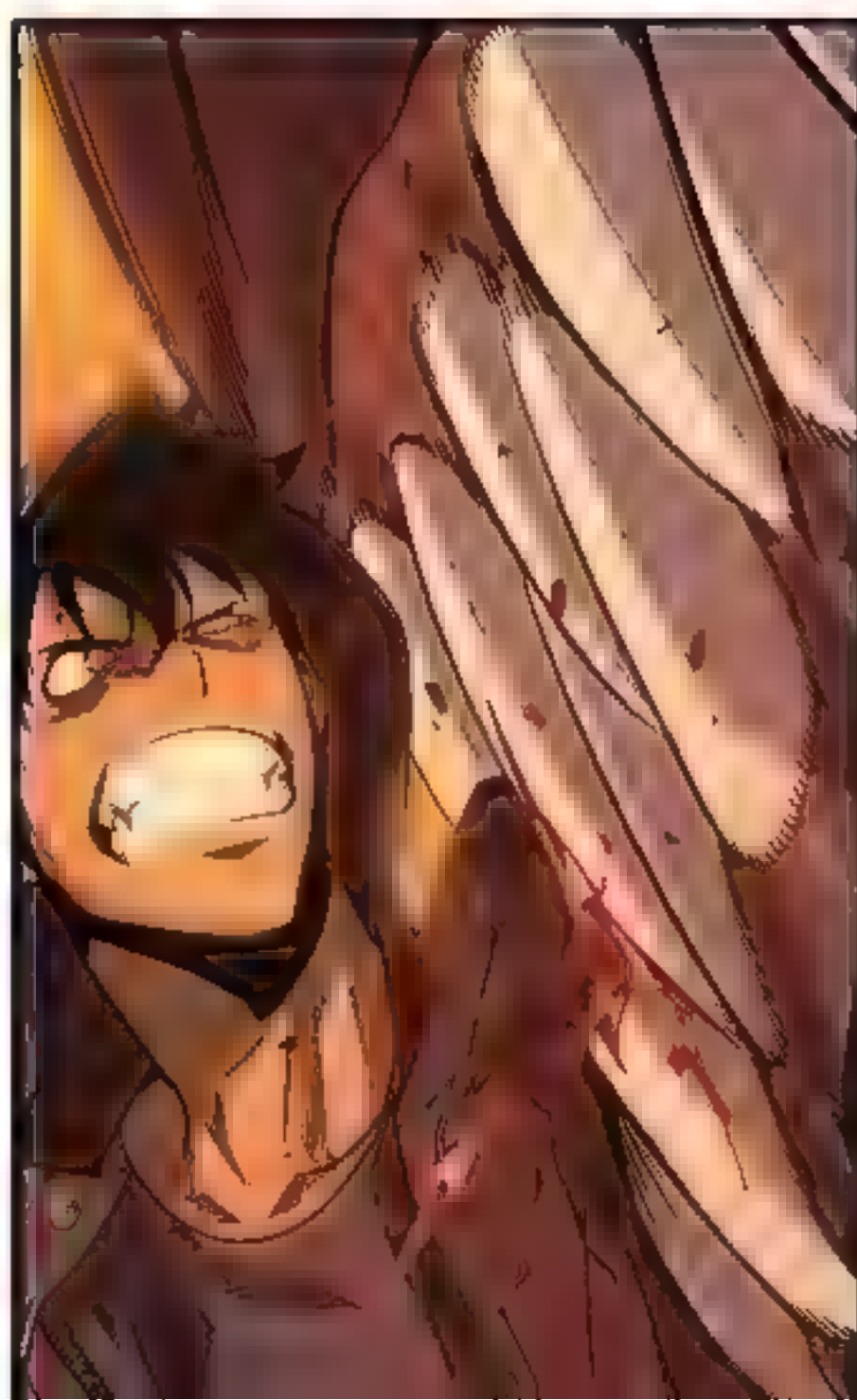
BAM BAM BAM

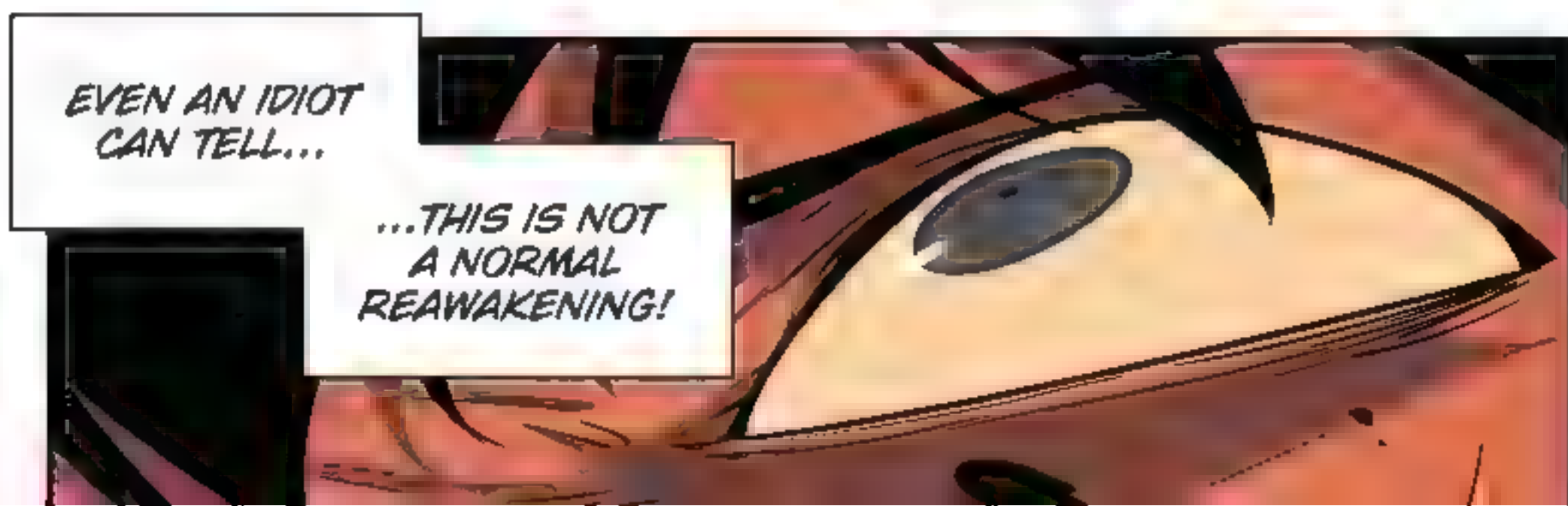
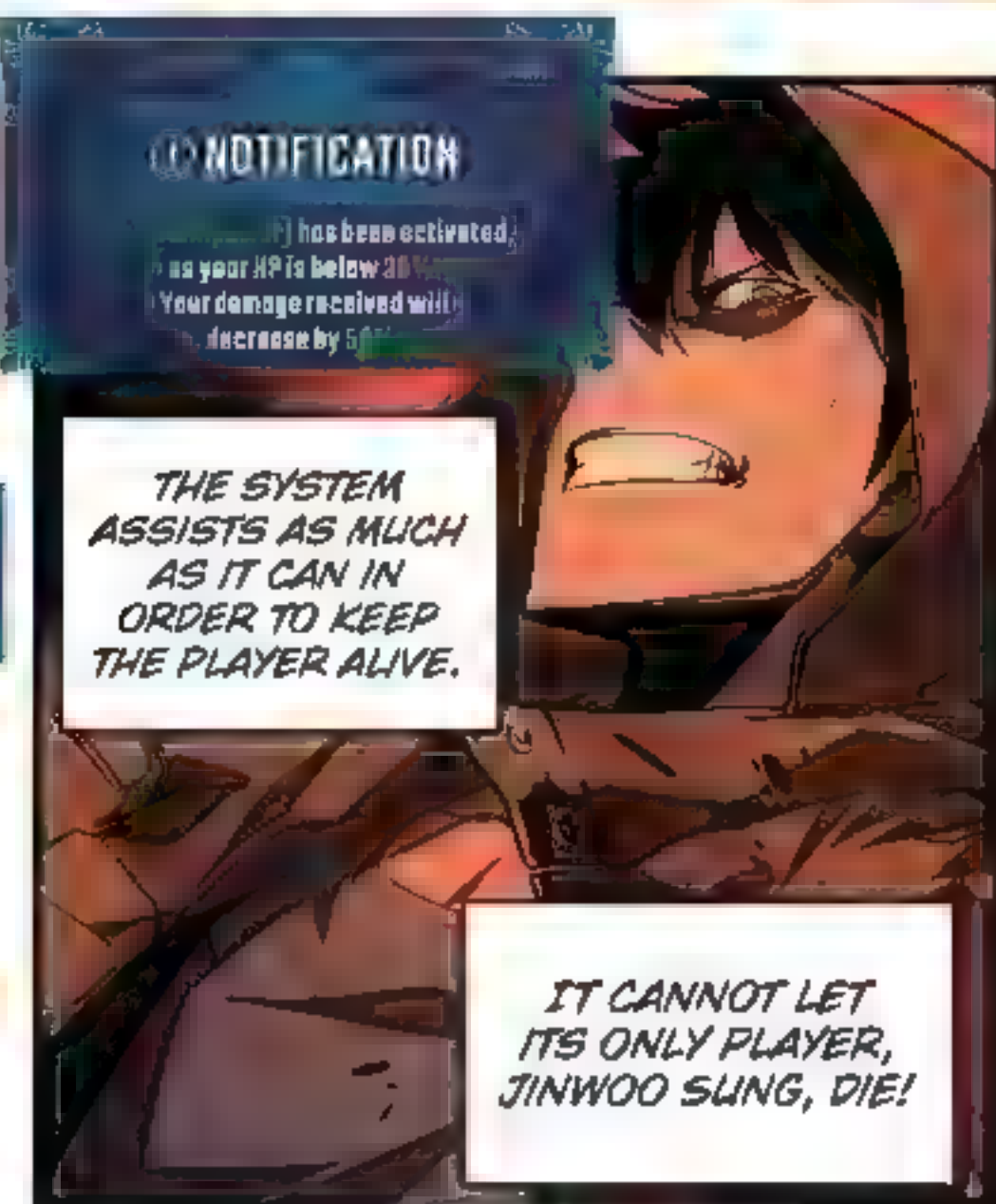
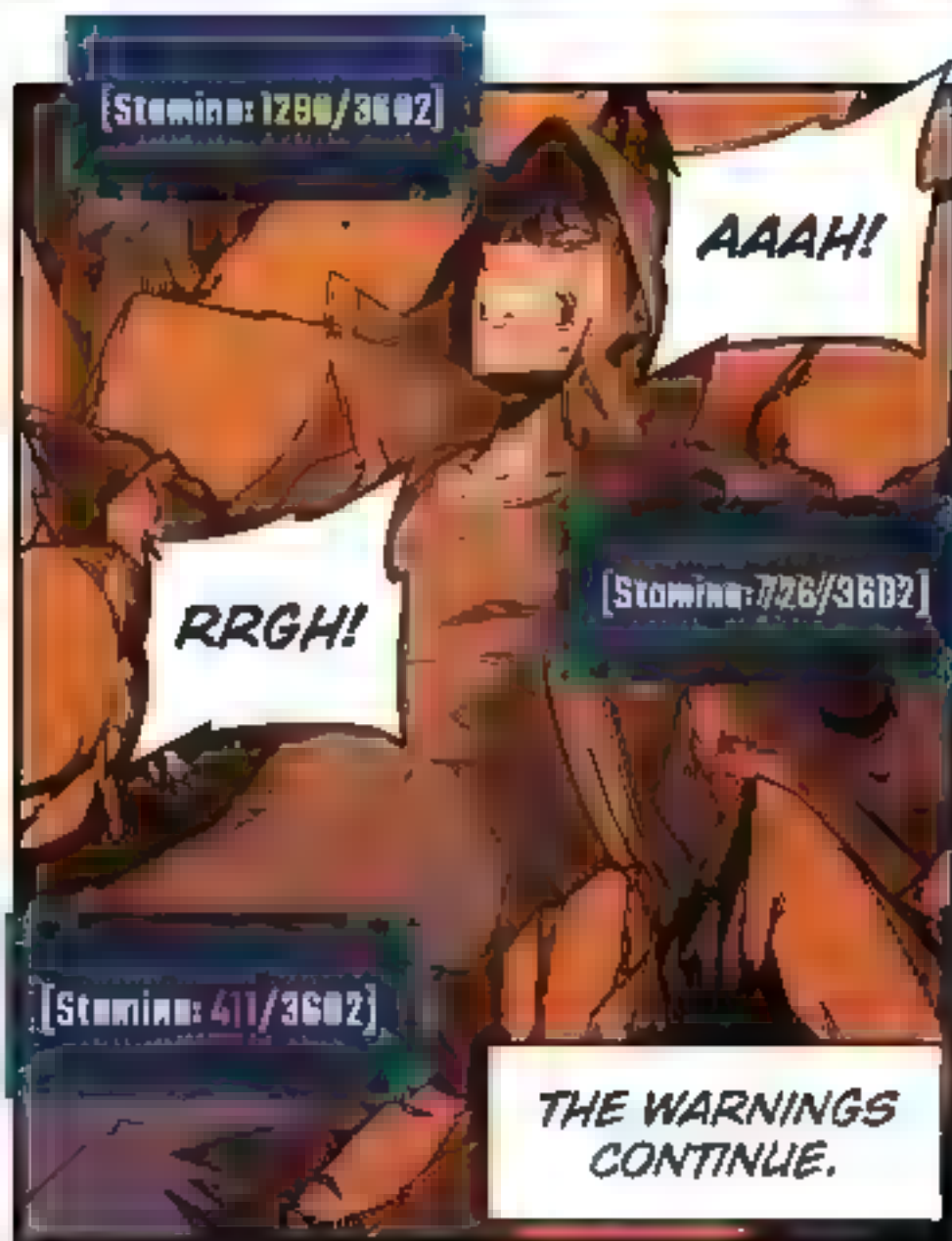
THE SYSTEM LETS ME
KNOW THE DIFFER-
ENCE BETWEEN MY
OPPONENT AND ME.

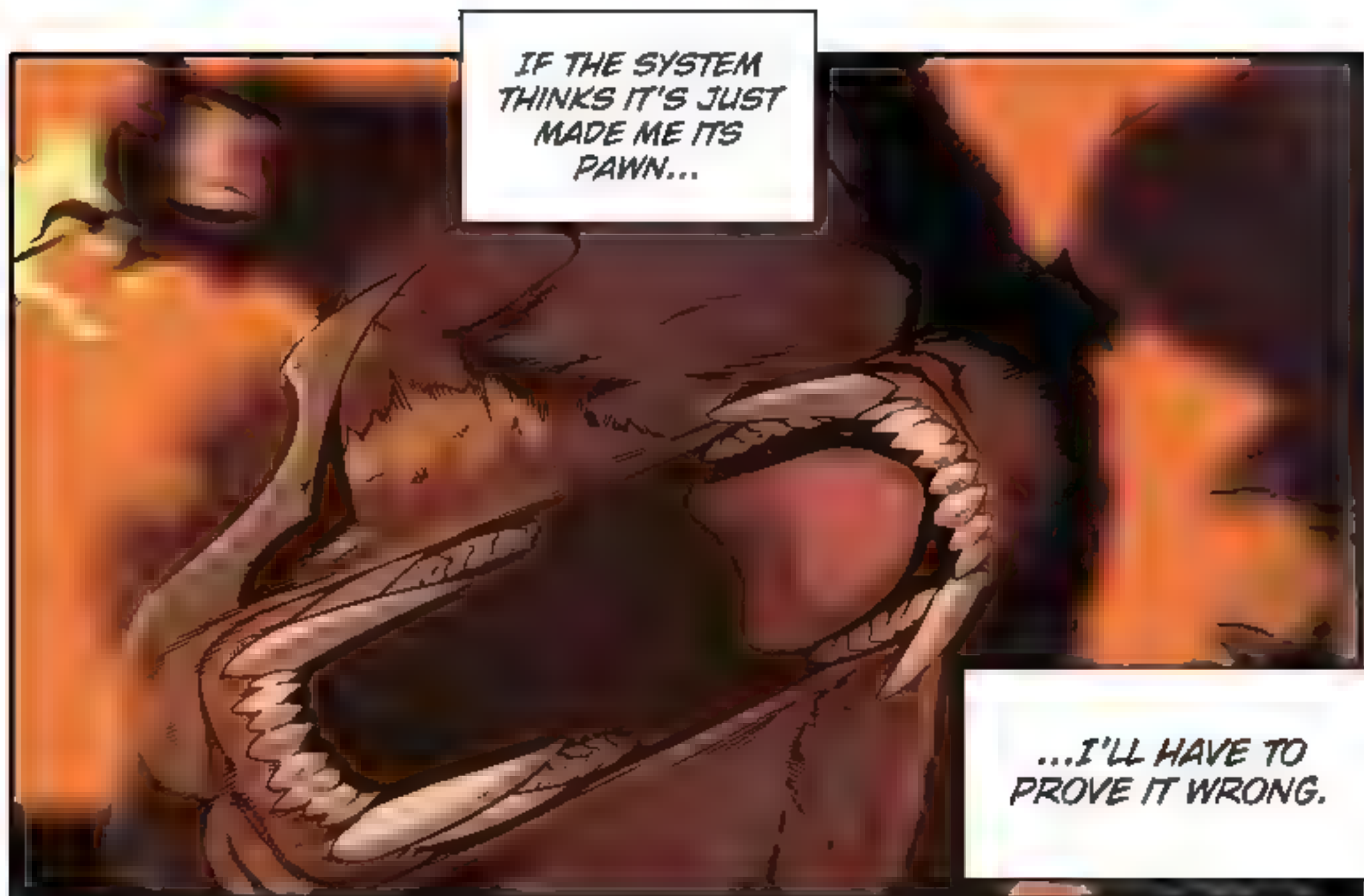
SHHK

PING!

NOTIFICATION







IF THE SYSTEM
THINKS IT'S JUST
MADE ME ITS
PAWN...

...I'LL HAVE TO
PROVE IT WRONG.

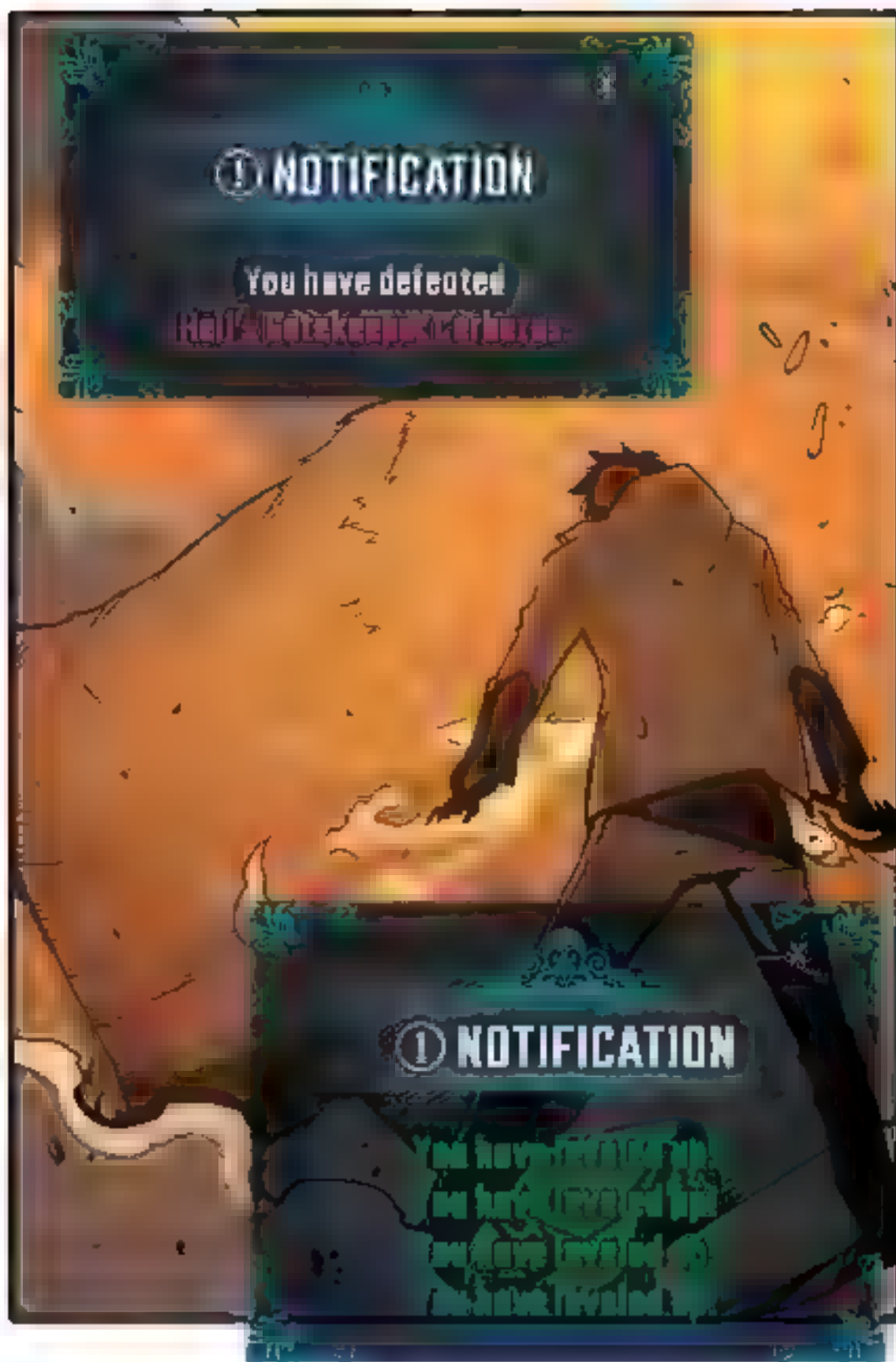
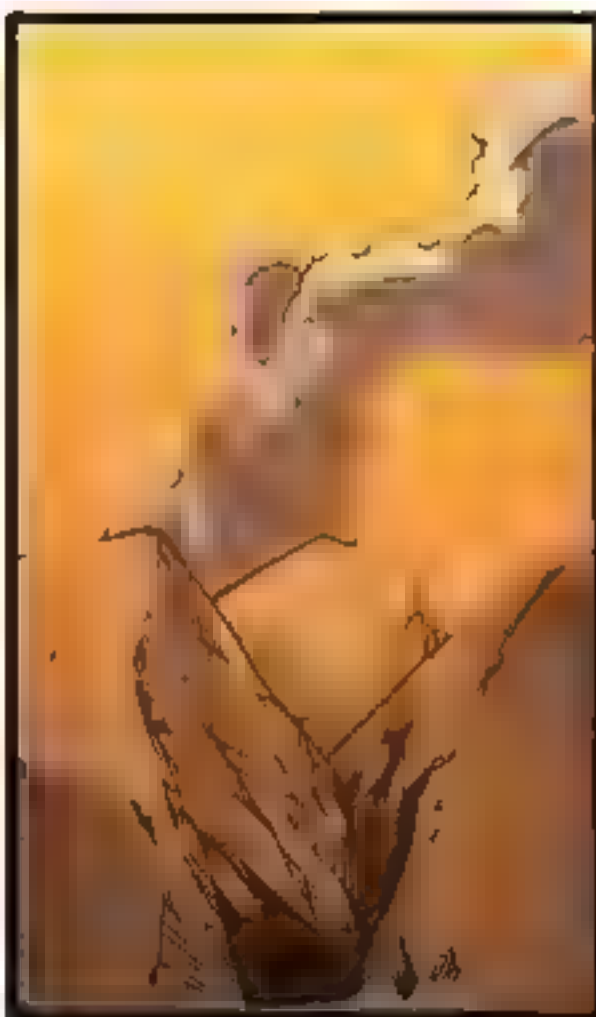
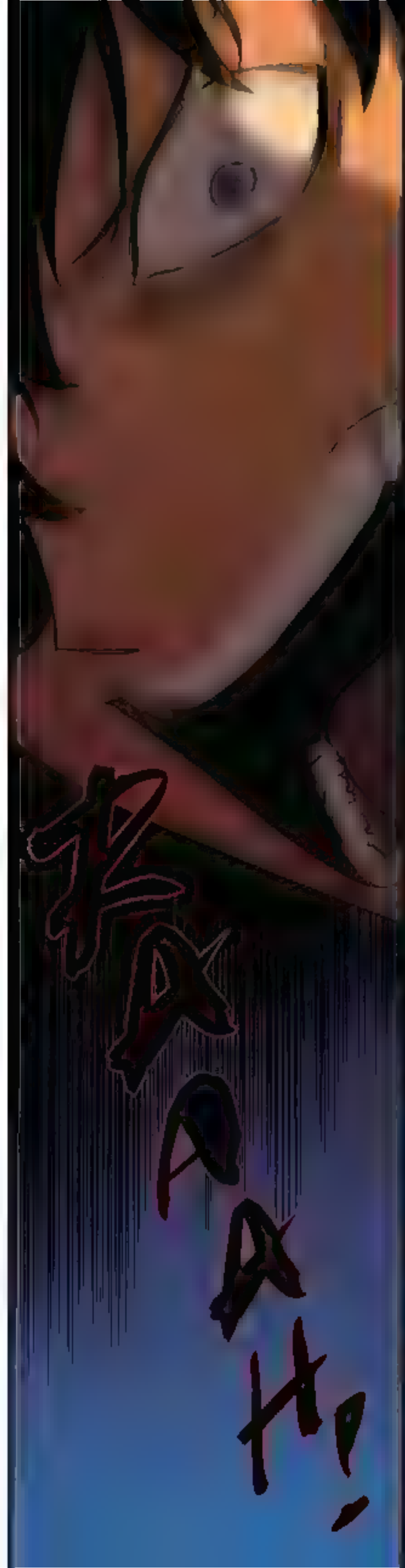


I'LL DEVOUR
THE SYSTEM.

FIRST
REWARD—
FULL RECOVERY.
ACCEPT.









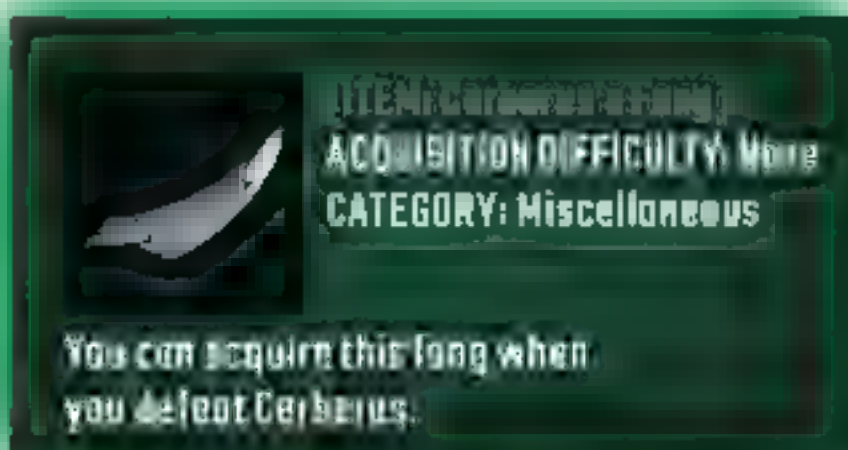
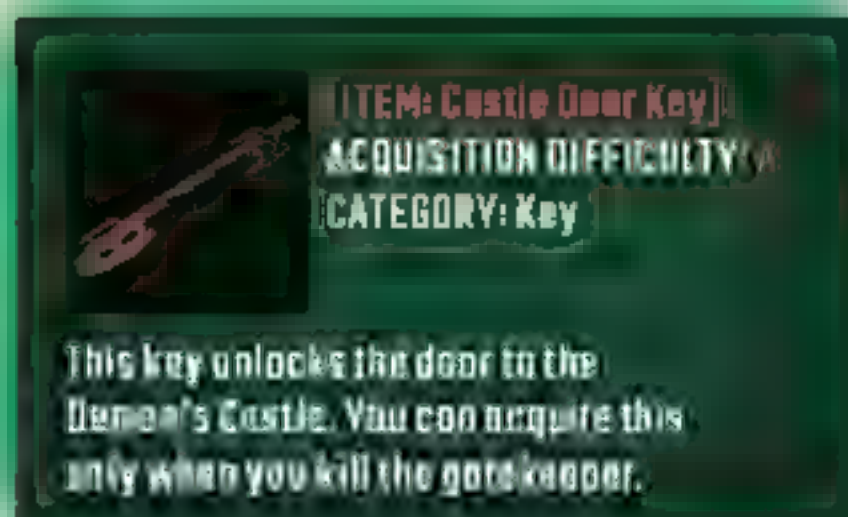
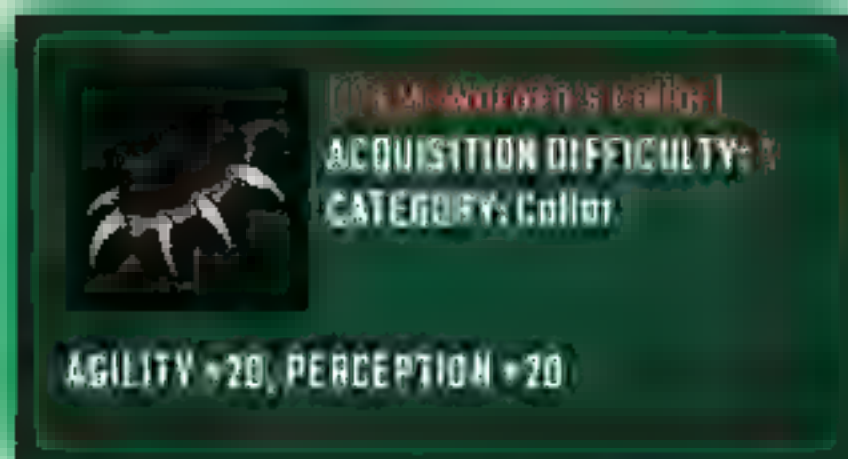
THANKS
TO YOU, I
NOW KNOW
MY LIMITS.

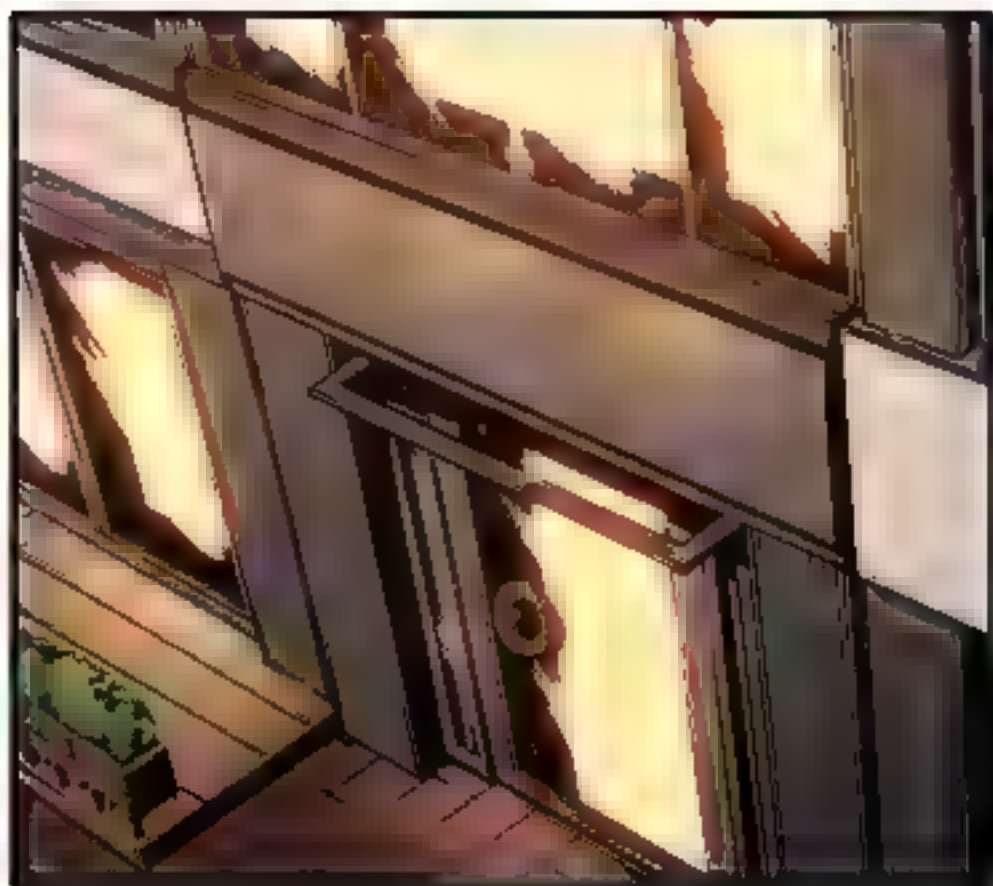


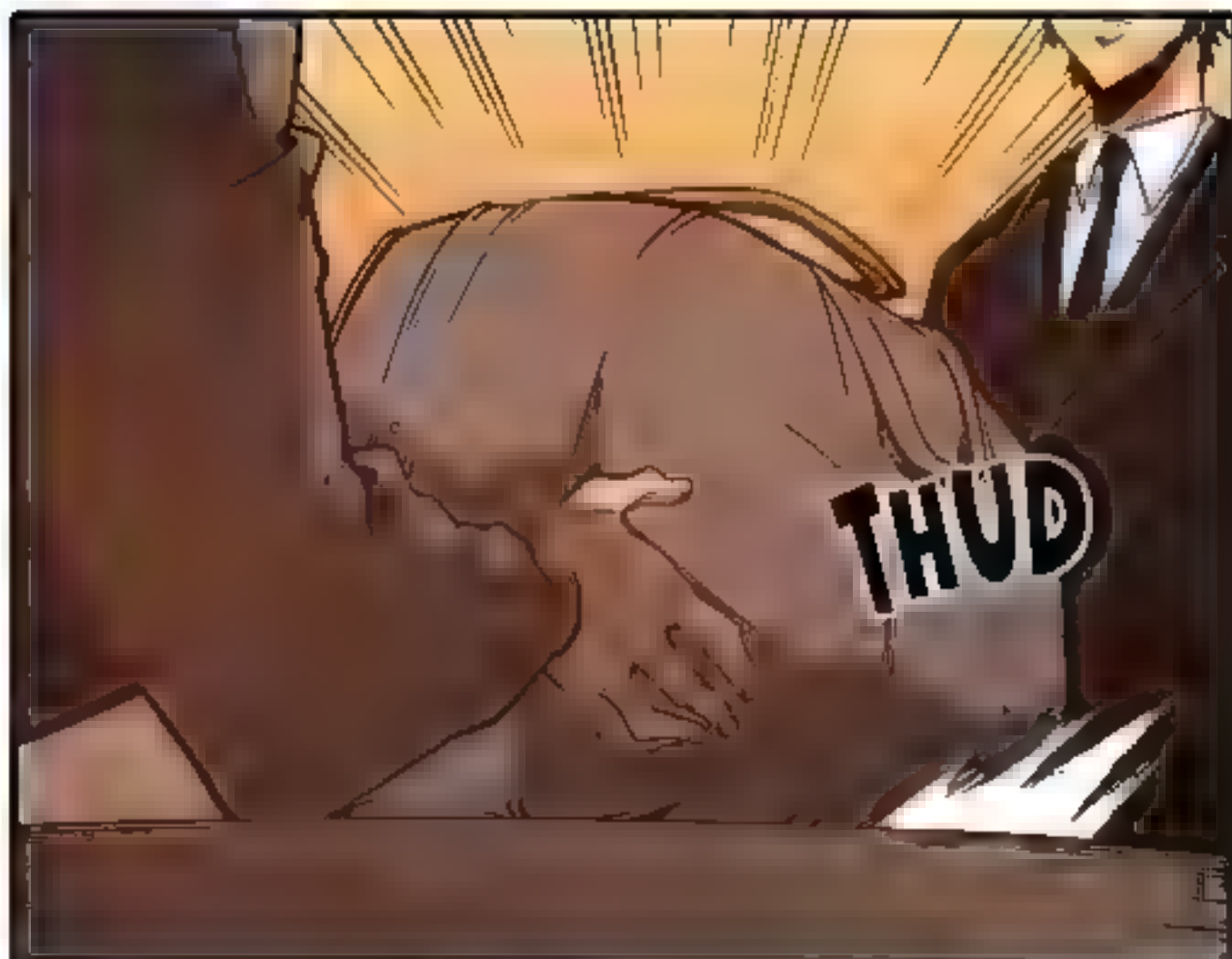
IF I ENTERED
THE GATES
NOW, I'D DIE.



I'LL GET
STRONGER AND
COME BACK.









PLEASE...
KILL THOSE
BASTARDS...!



THIS,
PLUS AN EXTRA
BILLION TO GET
RID OF THE OTHER
HUNTERS.

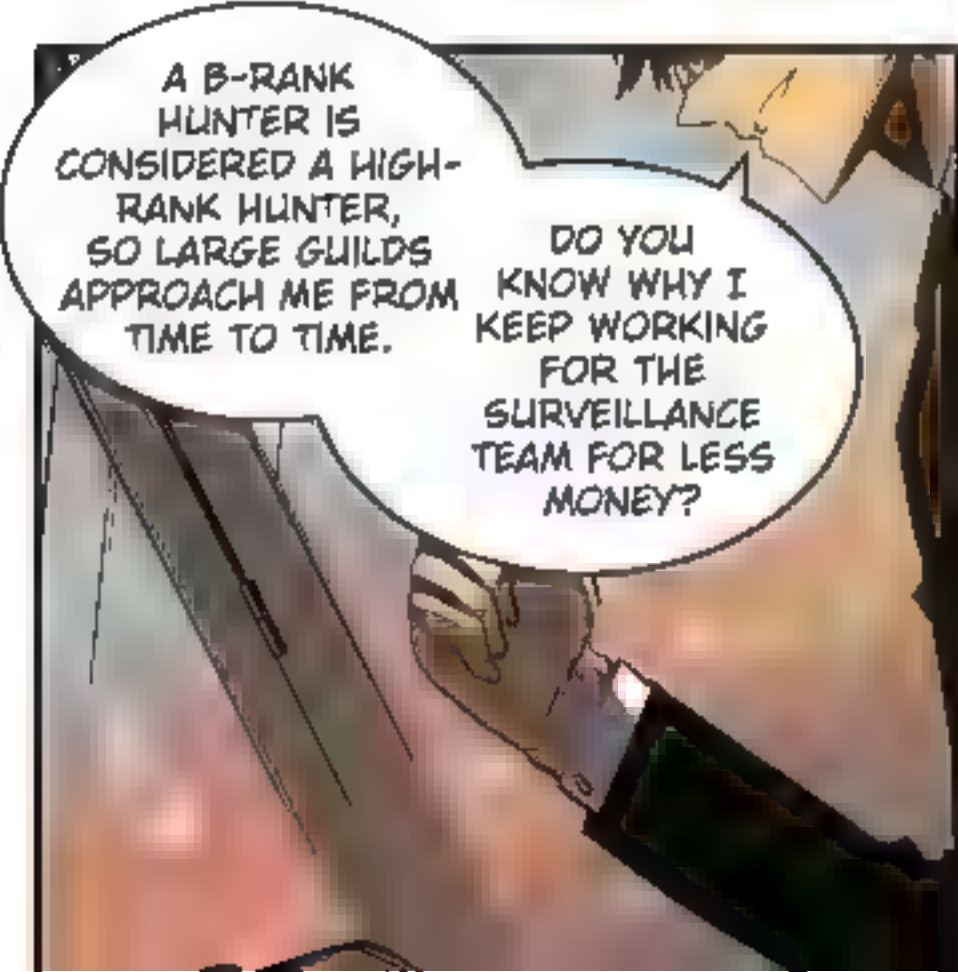
CAN YOU
DO THAT?



STAMPING OUT
THE BUGS IS THE
EASY PART.

BUT THERE
WILL ALSO BE
OTHER HUNTERS IN
THE DUNGEON.

Y-YOU
MEAN...!

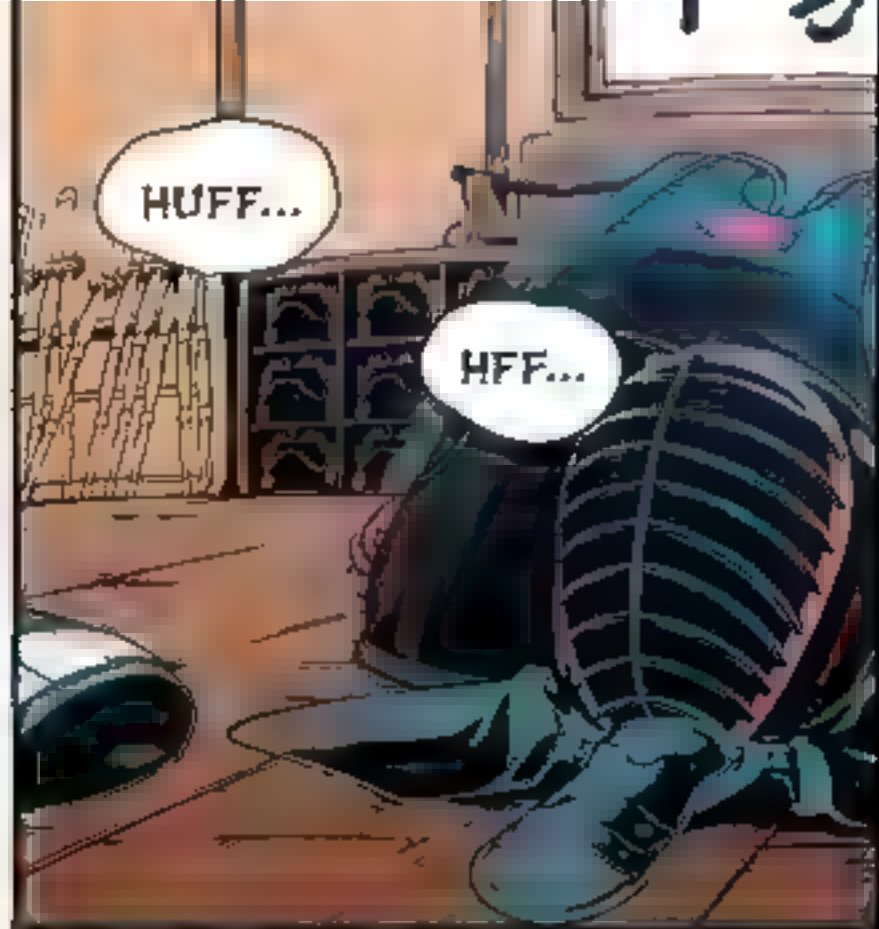


A B-RANK
HUNTER IS
CONSIDERED A HIGH-
RANK HUNTER,
SO LARGE GUILDS
APPROACH ME FROM
TIME TO TIME.

DO YOU
KNOW WHY I
KEEP WORKING
FOR THE
SURVEILLANCE
TEAM FOR LESS
MONEY?

I ENJOY
KILLING HUMANS
MUCH MORE THAN
MONSTERS.





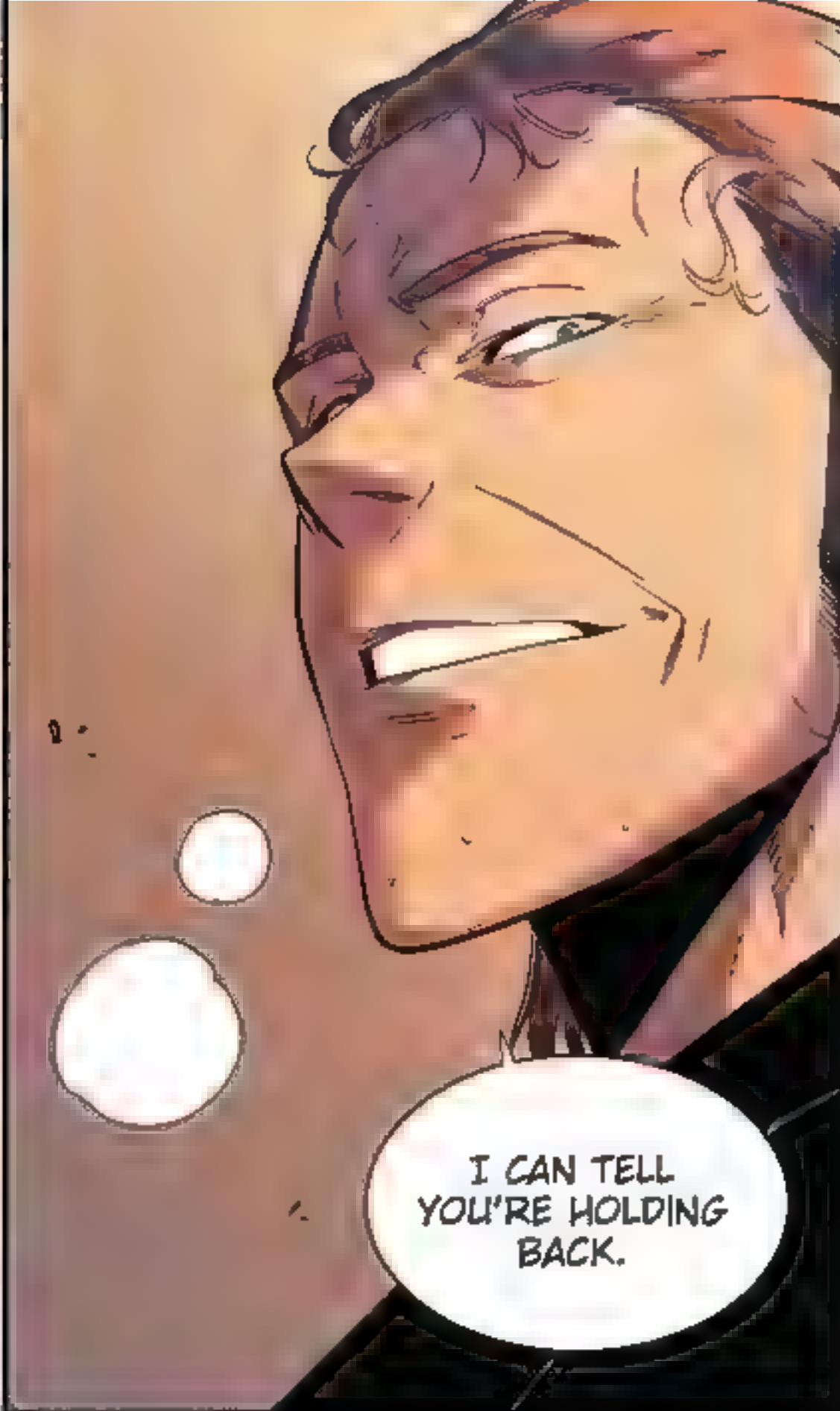
HUFF...

HFF...



YOU'VE
STILL GOT IT,
MASTER.

STOP
PATRONIZING
ME.



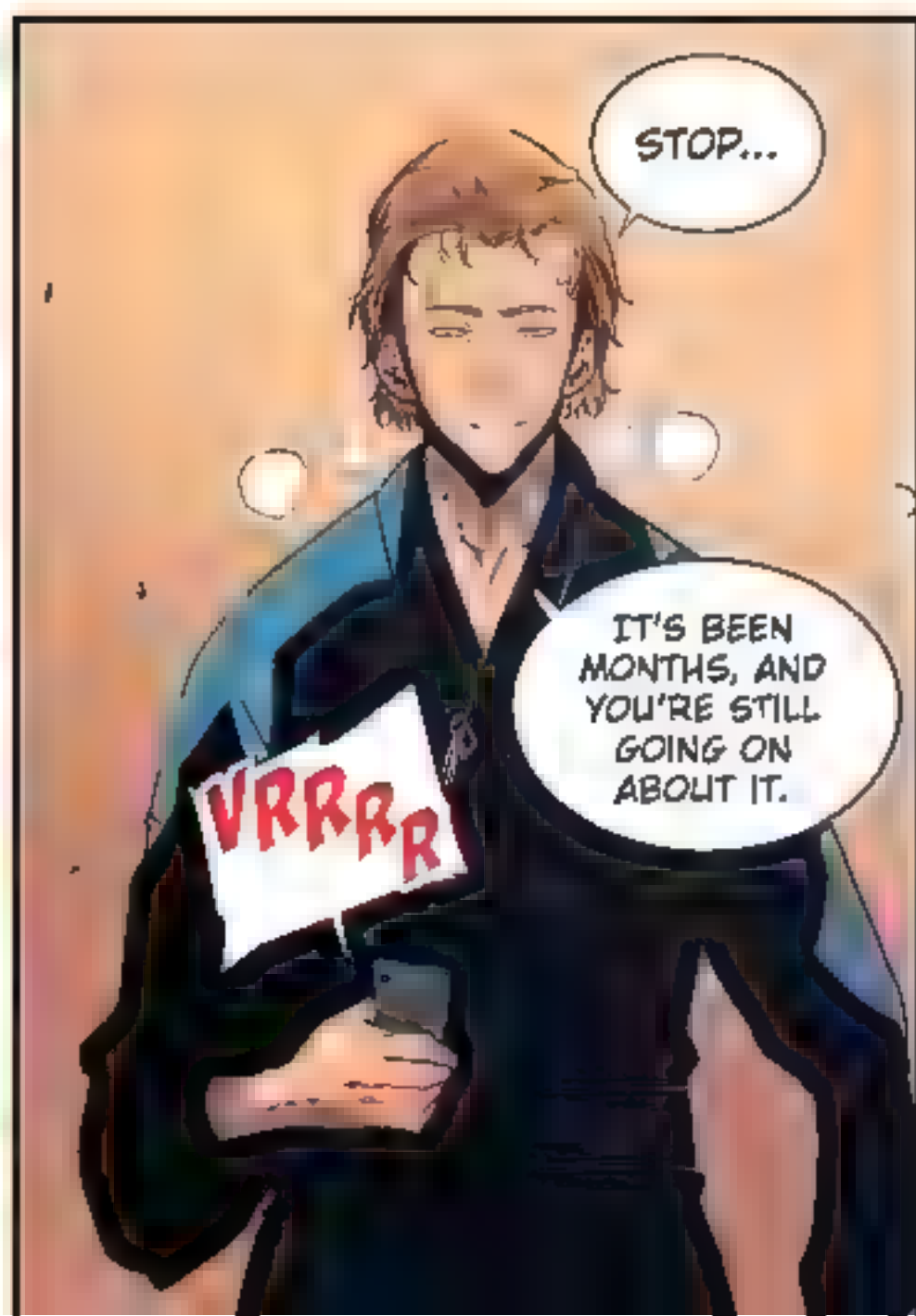
I CAN TELL
YOU'RE HOLDING
BACK.



DID YOU
PURPOSEFULLY
TRANSFER ENERGY
FROM YOUR
THUMBS?

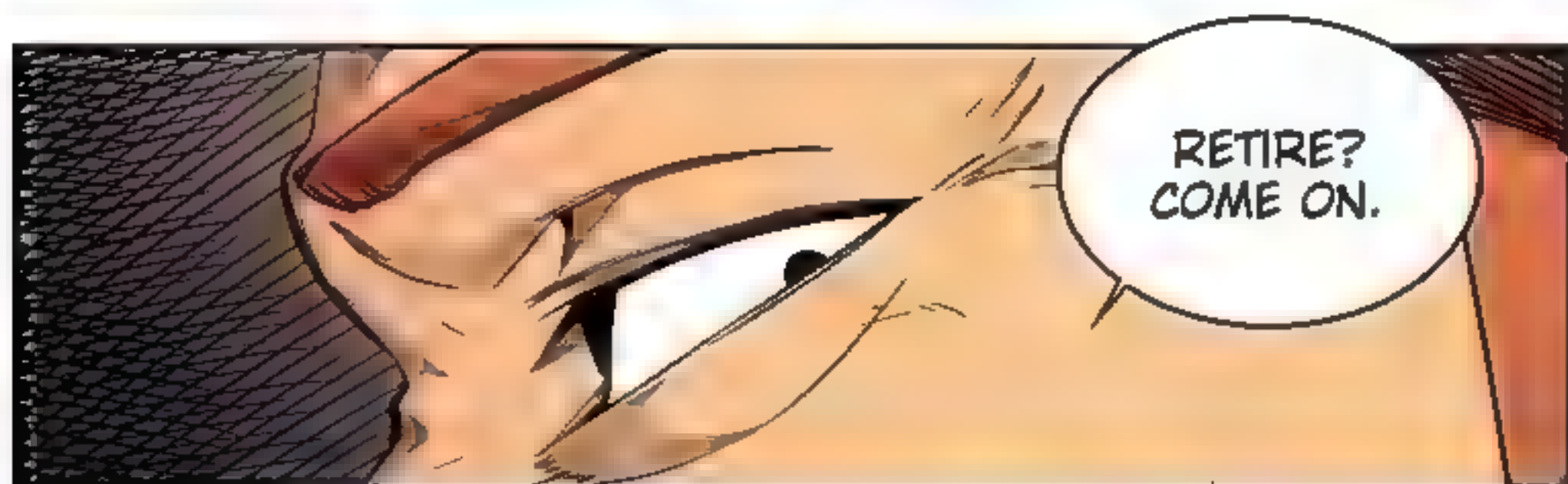
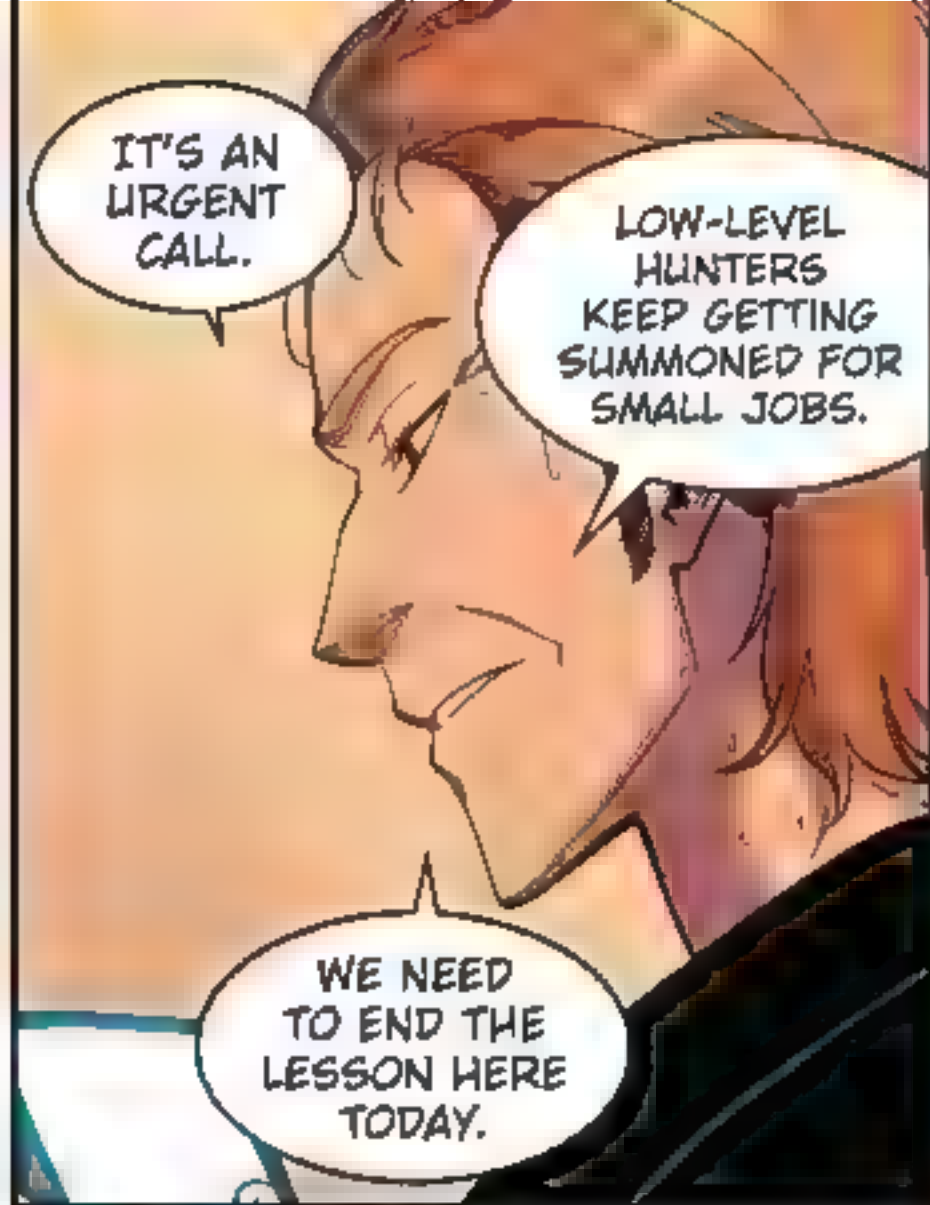
THAT WOULDN'T
EVEN BE A
HANDICAP...

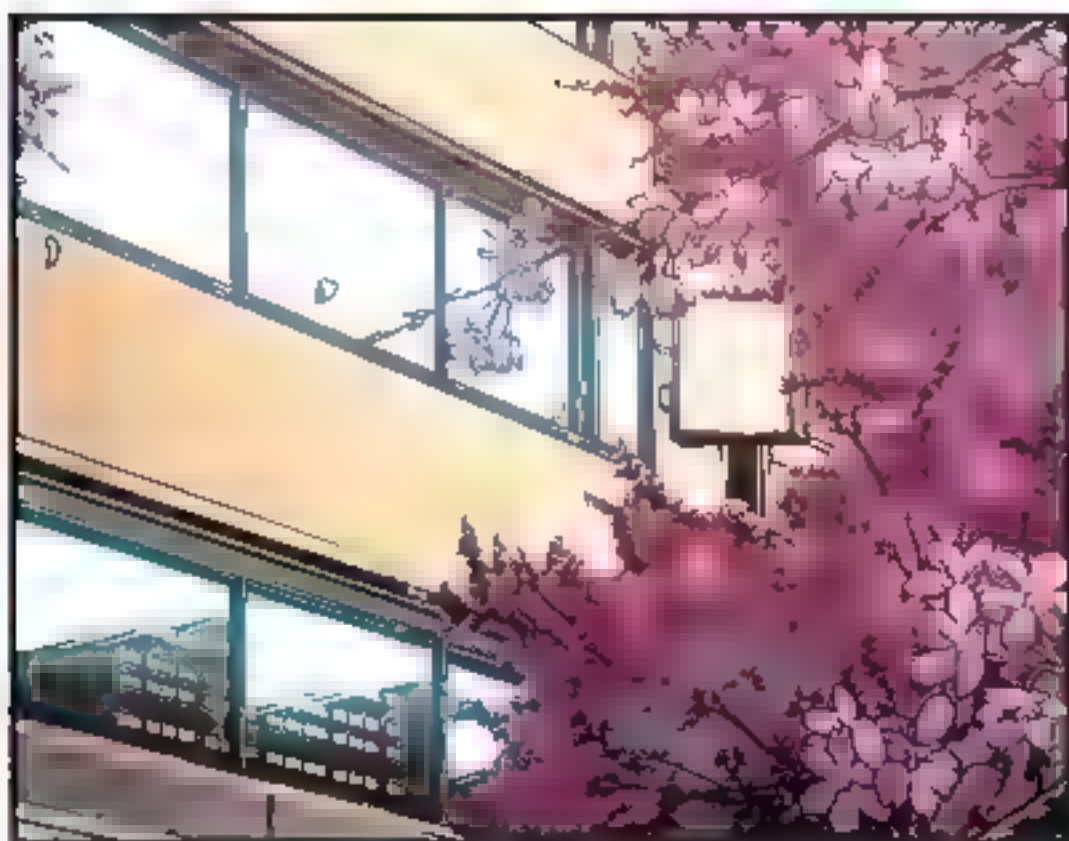
...IF YOU
HAD BOTH
ARMS.



STOP...

IT'S BEEN
MONTHS, AND
YOU'RE STILL
GOING ON
ABOUT IT.





A D-RANK
DUNGEON THIS
TIME?



MY AWAKENING
DIDN'T AFFECT MY
STRENGTH, SO MY
SWORD DOESN'T
WORK ON MAGIC
BEASTS.

HOW WAS A
SWORDSMAN
LIKE ME
FATED TO
BECOME
A MAGE
HUNTER?

DESPITE
STUDYING FOR
DECADES, MY
SWORDSMANSHIP
IS USELESS...

BUT
THERE MUST
BE A REASON
WHY.

GLENGH



HUH?!



UH,
YOU...



I WASN'T
SURE, BUT...

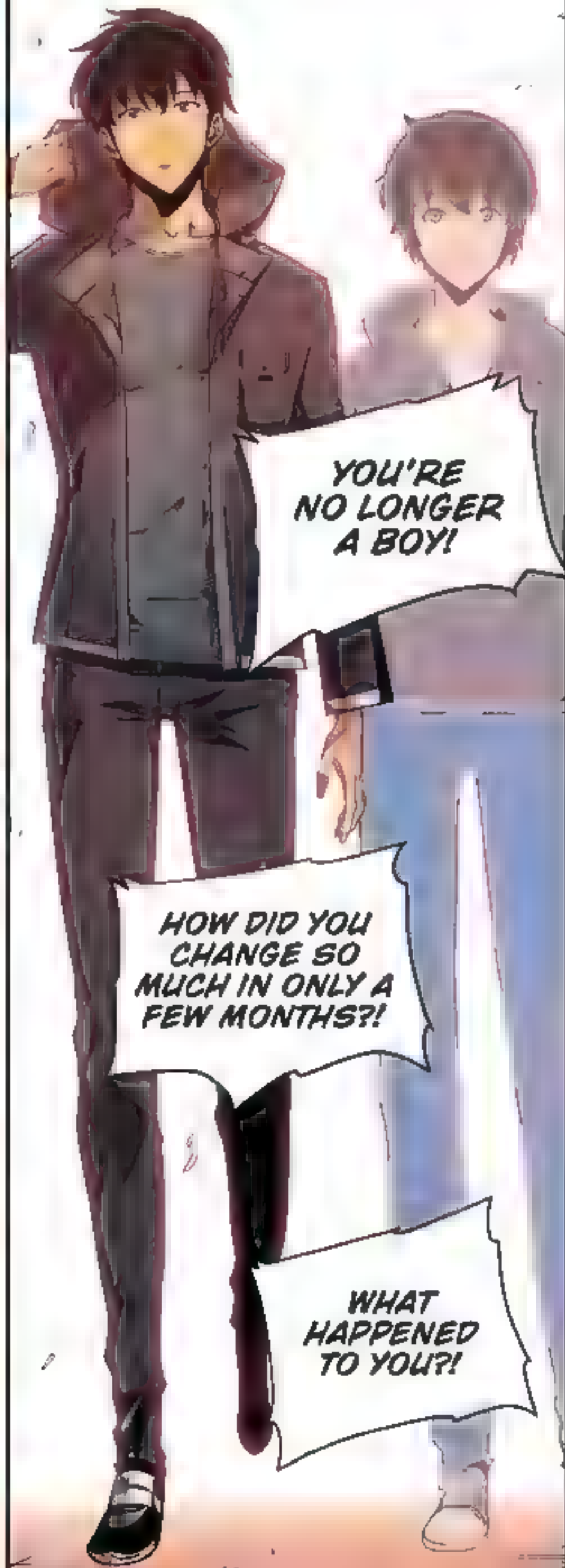
...IS IT
REALLY YOU,
SUNG?!



MR. SONG?



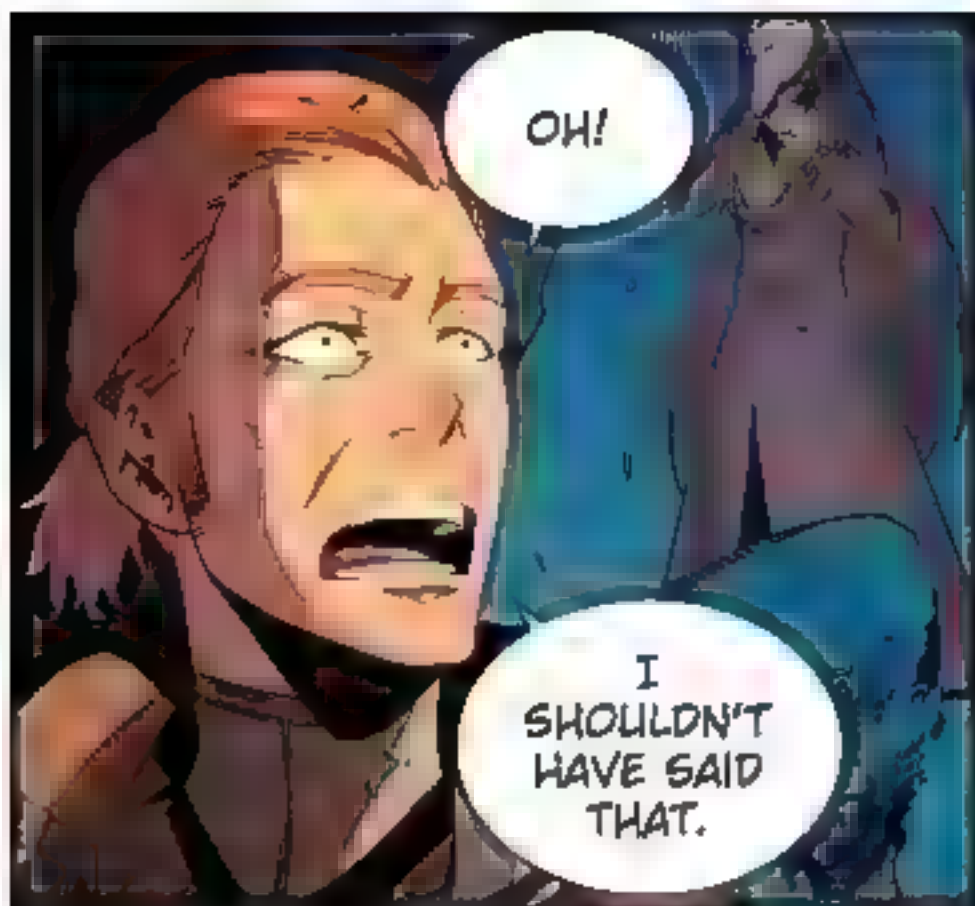
**I BARELY
RECOGNIZE
YOU!**



**YOU'RE
NO LONGER
A BOY!**

**HOW DID YOU
CHANGE SO
MUCH IN ONLY A
FEW MONTHS?!**

**WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?!**



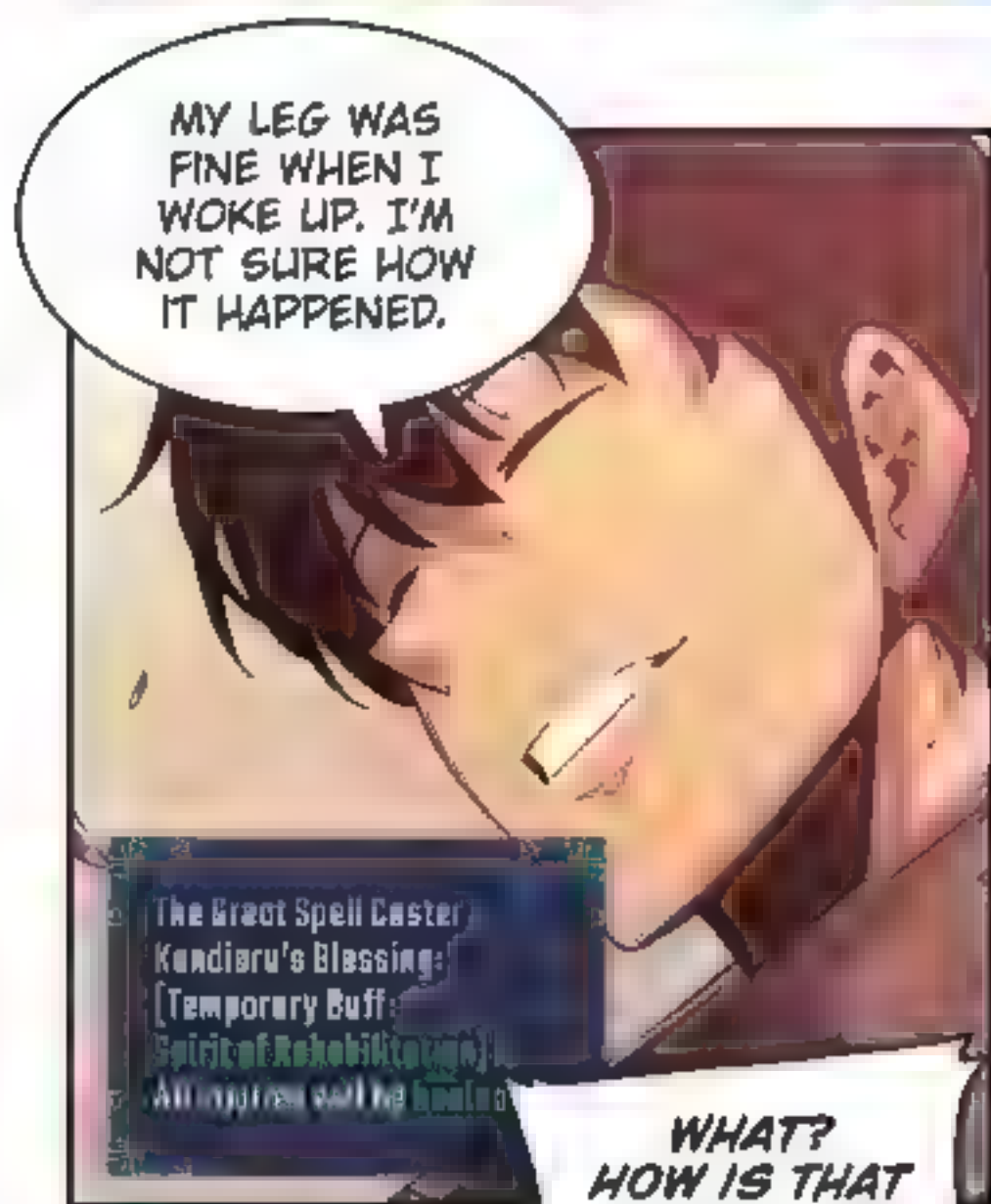
OH!

I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
THAT.



BUT
HOW...?

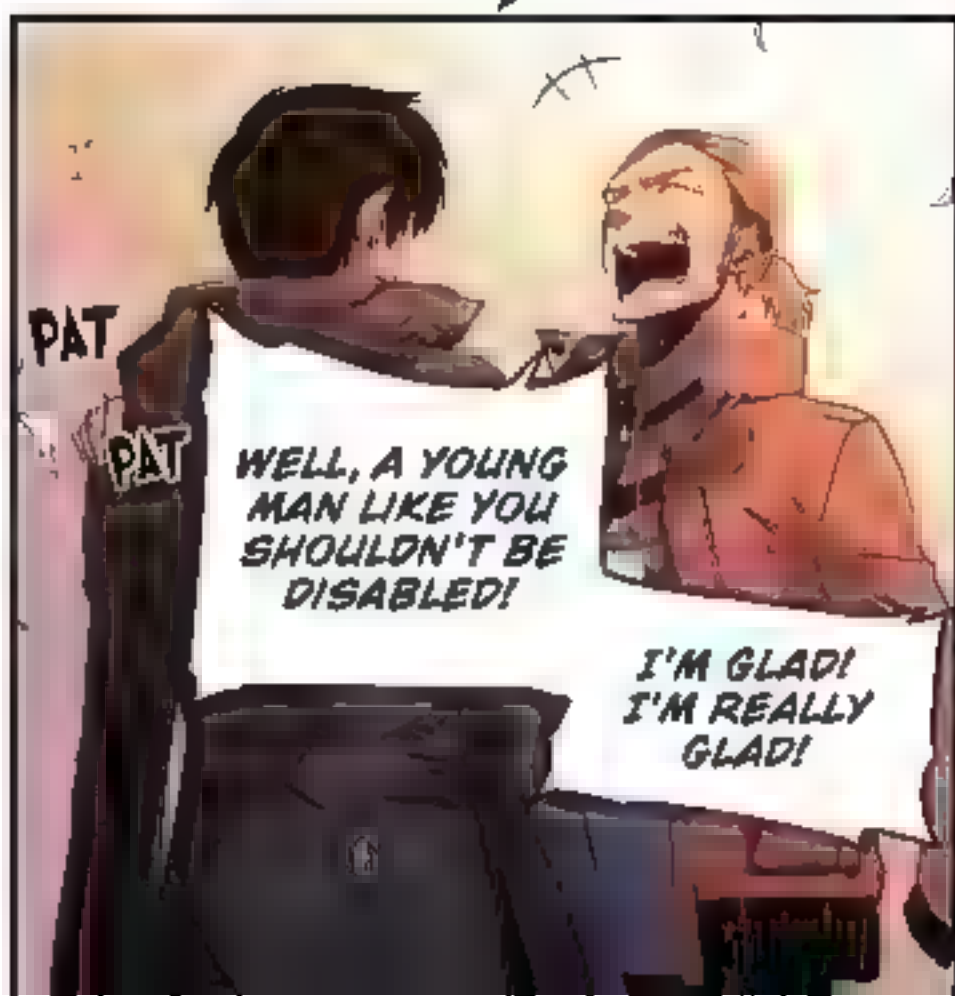
YOUR
SEVERED
LEG...



MY LEG WAS
FINE WHEN I
WOKE UP. I'M
NOT SURE HOW
IT HAPPENED.

The Great Spell Caster
Kendiru's Blessing:
[Temporary Buff:
Spirit of Rehabilitation]
All injuries will be healed

WHAT?
HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE?



PAT

PAT

WELL, A YOUNG
MAN LIKE YOU
SHOULDN'T BE
DISABLED!

I'M GLAD!
I'M REALLY
GLAD!

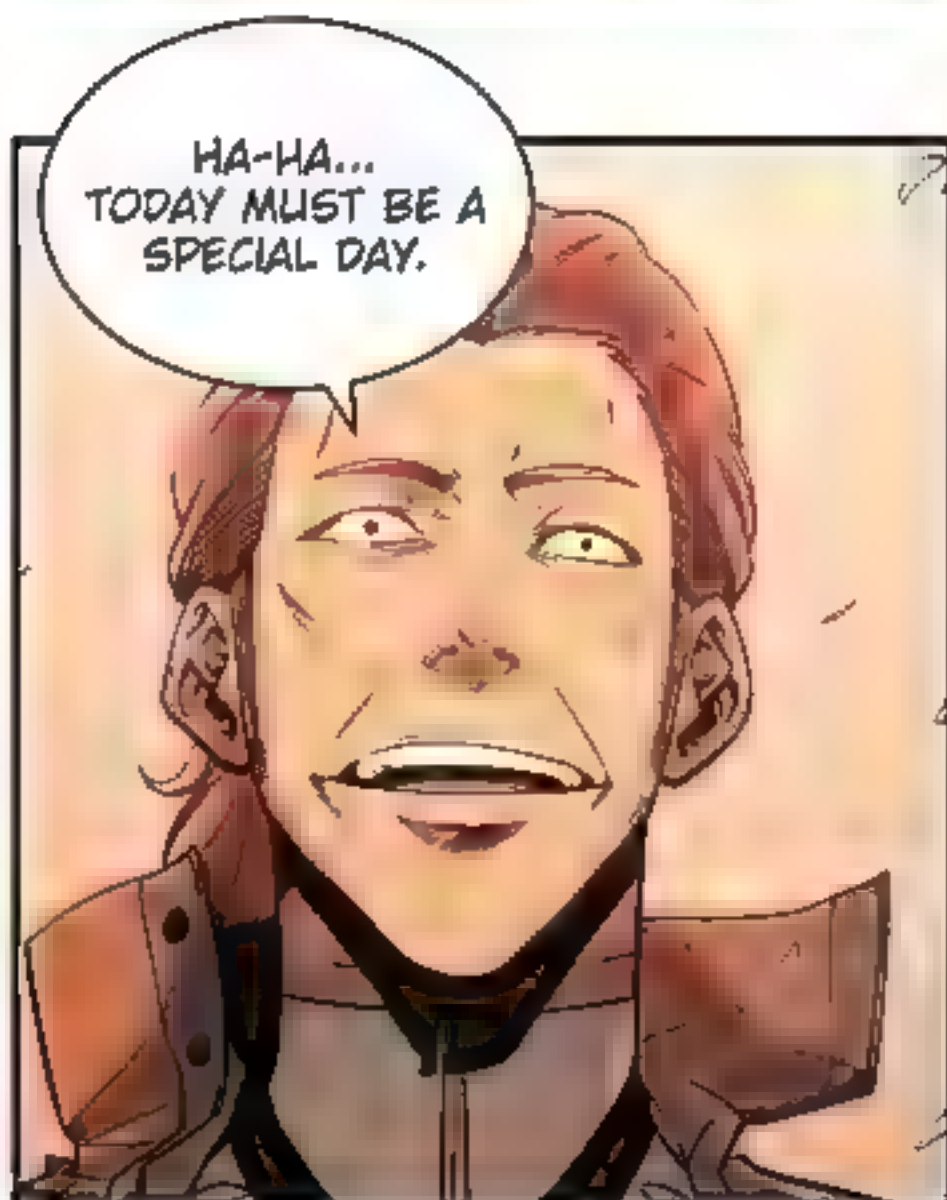
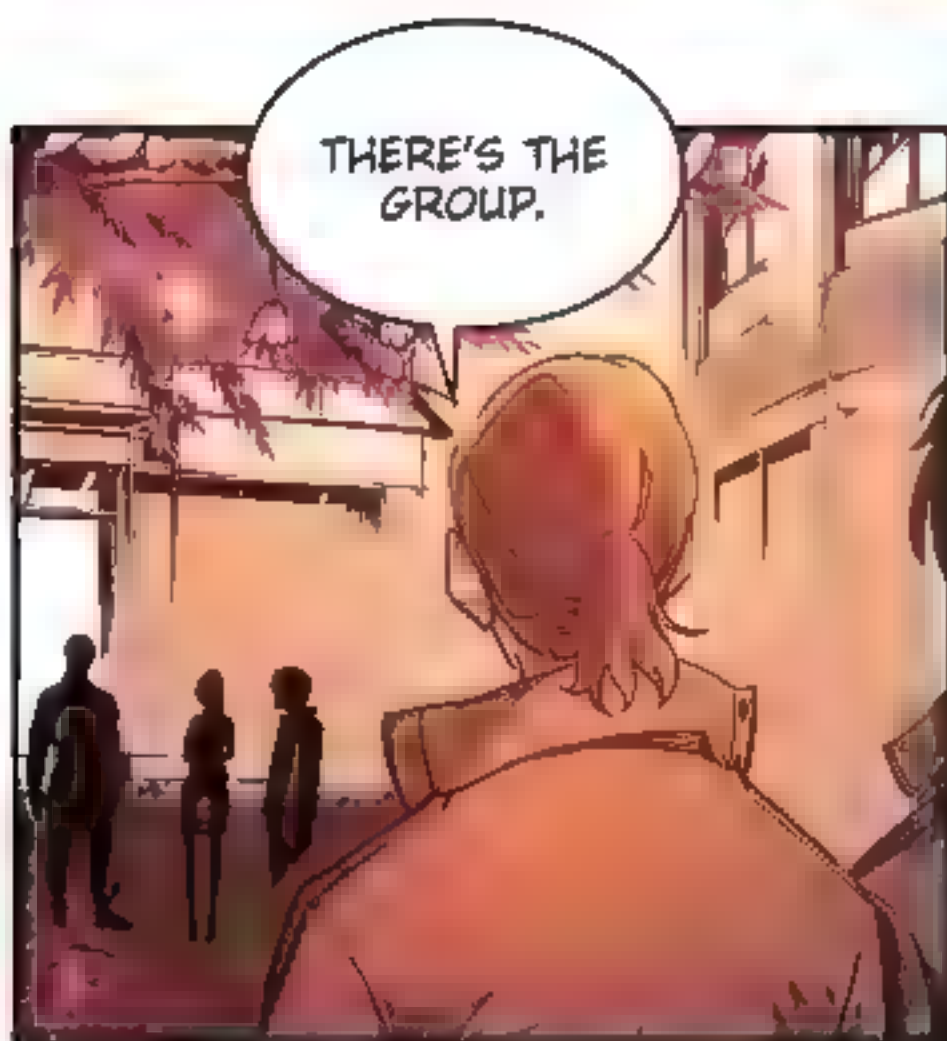


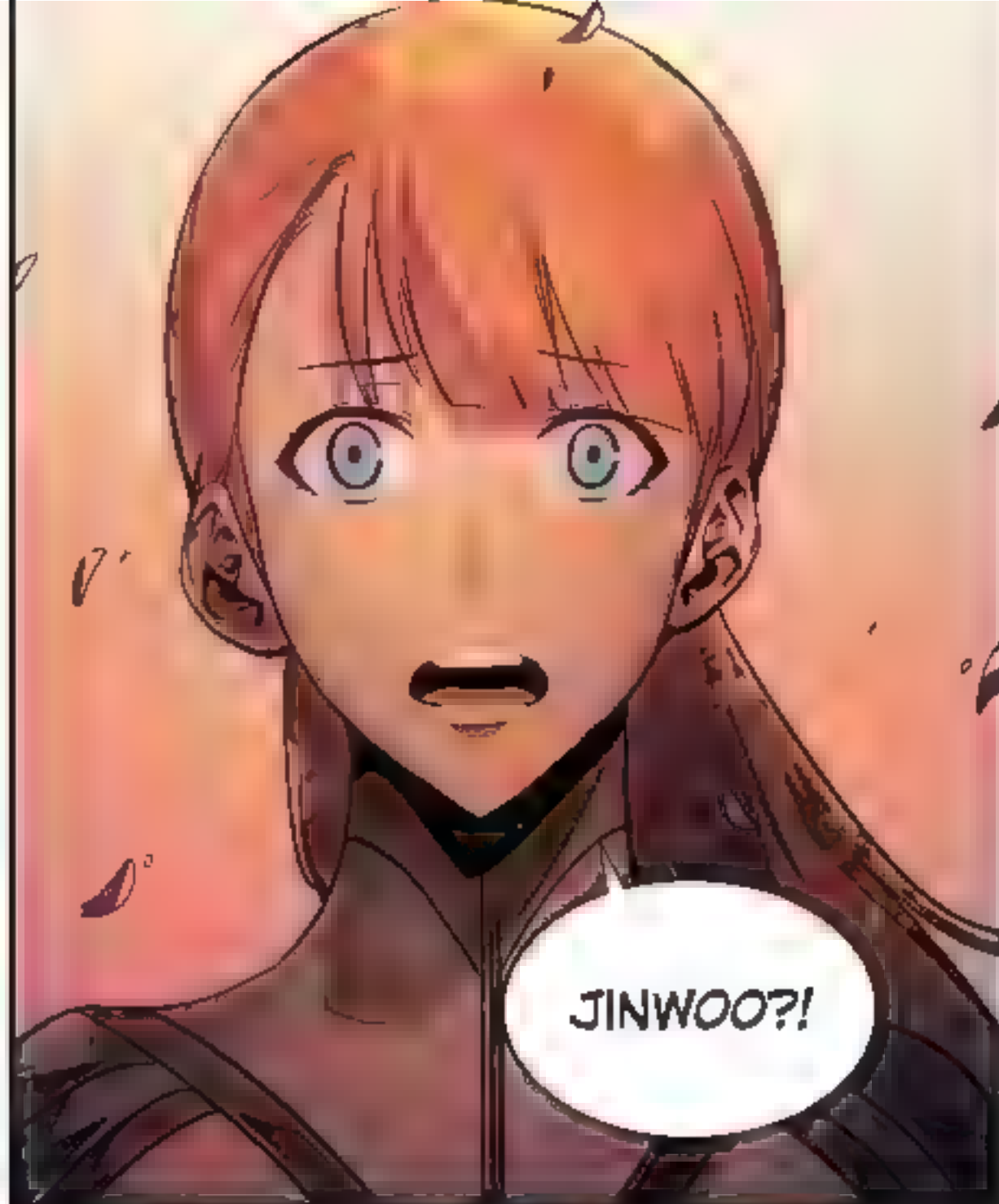
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OH, DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
THIS.

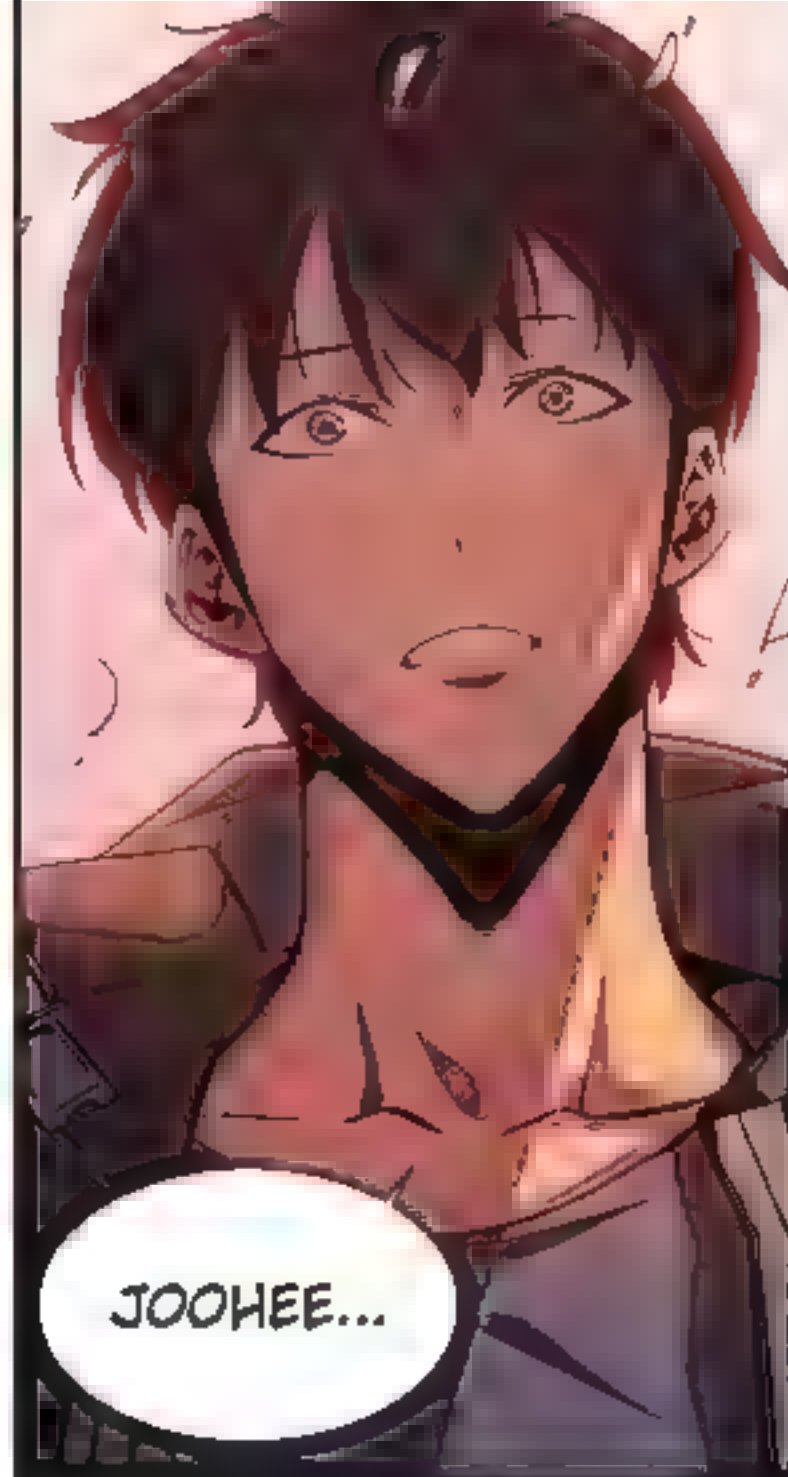
THE FACT THAT
THIS WAS MY FIRST
ACCIDENT IN ALL
THESE YEARS IS
A MIRACLE IN AND
OF ITSELF.

MAN, I'D HEARD
A RUMOR YOU
WERE FINE, BUT
EVEN THOUGH I'M
LOOKING RIGHT
AT YOU, I STILL
CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

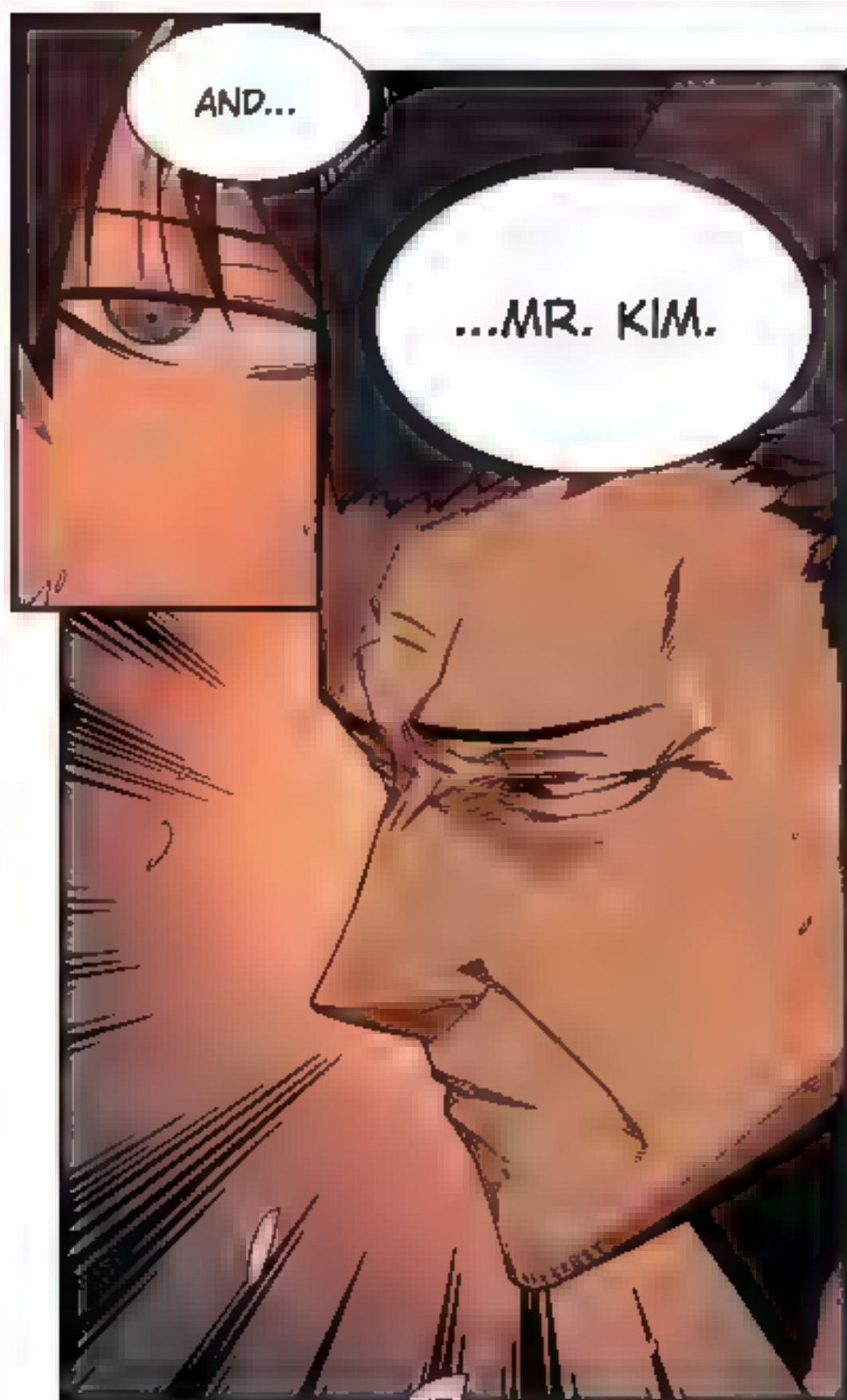




JINWOO?!

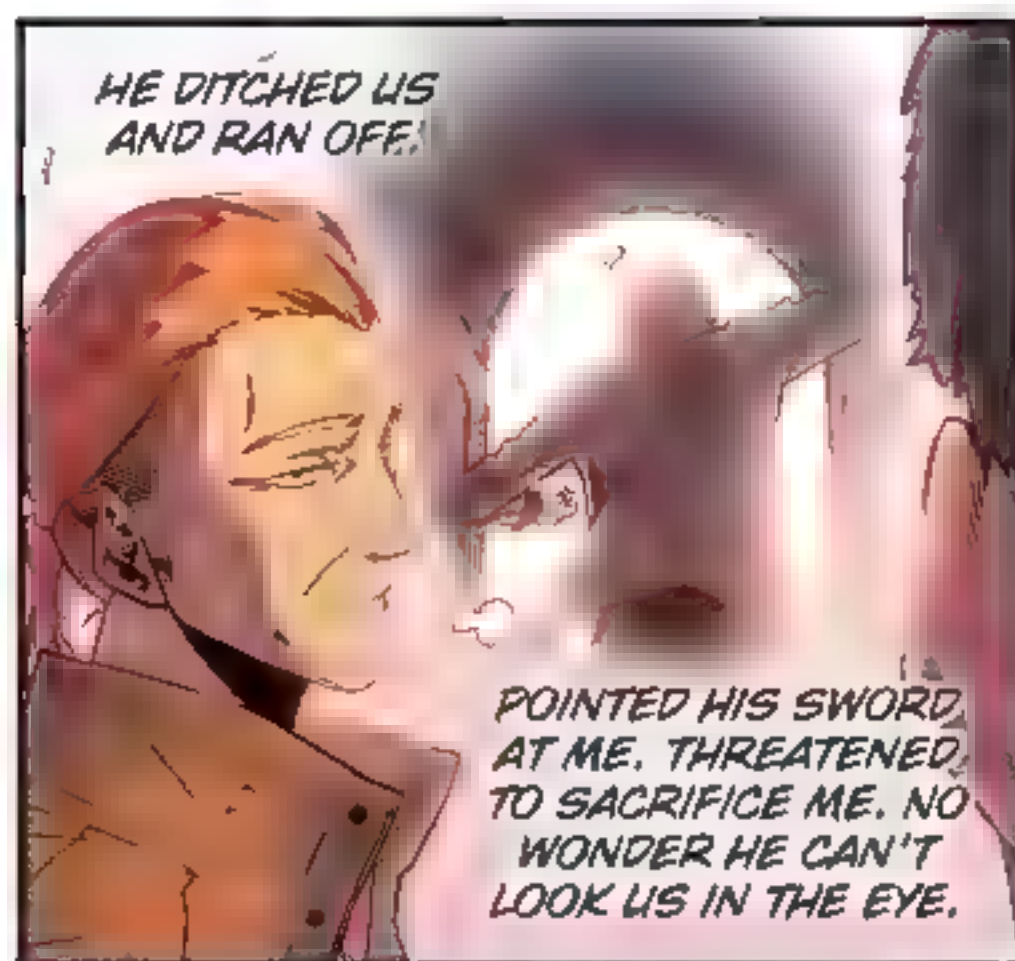


JOOHEE...



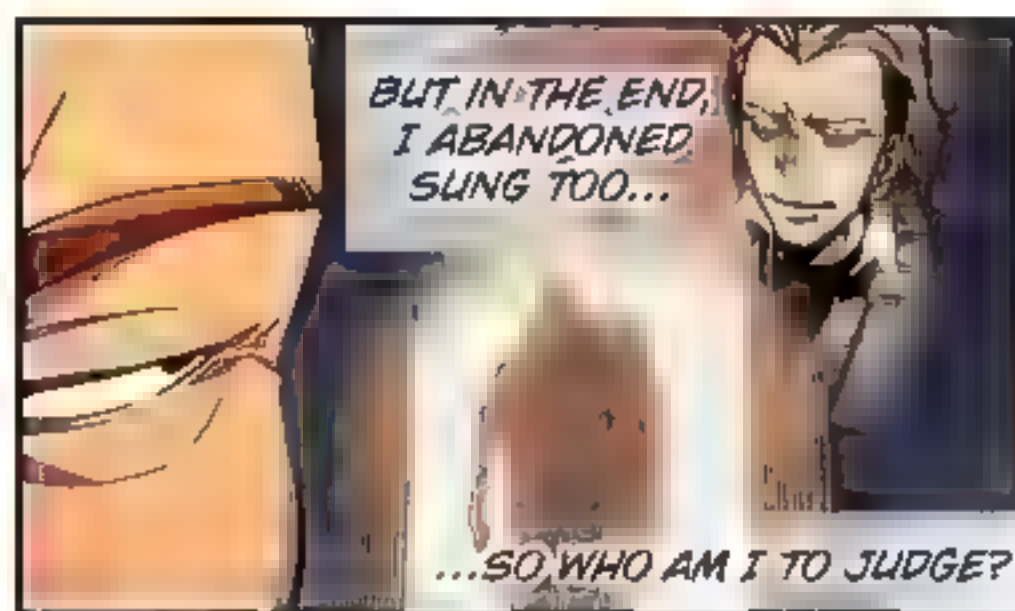
AND...

...MR. KIM.



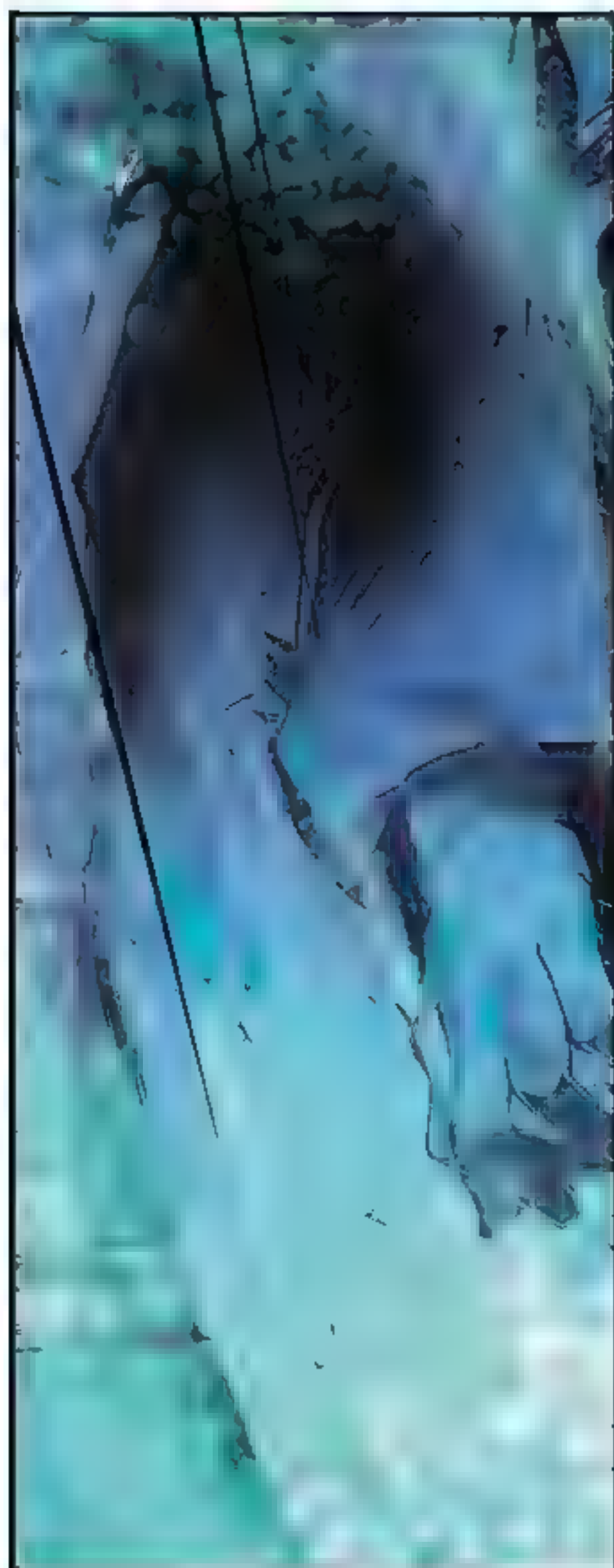
HE DITCHED US
AND RAN OFF.

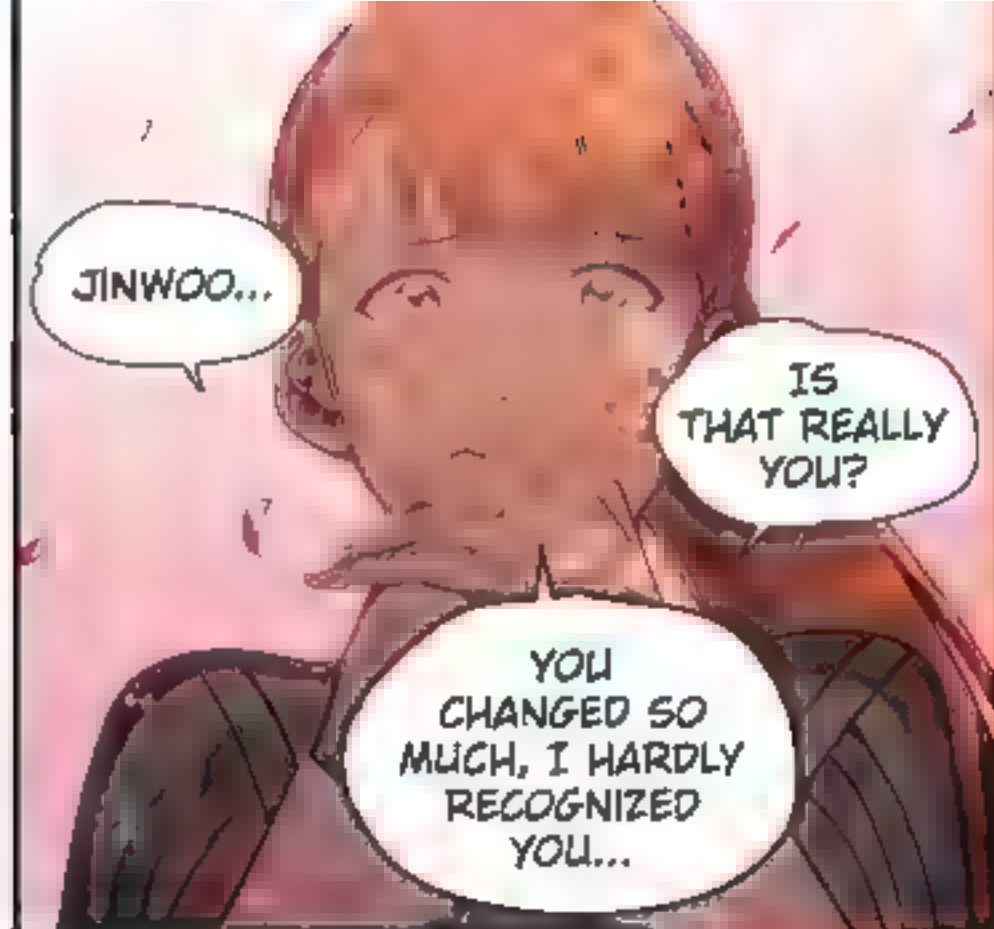
POINTED HIS SWORD
AT ME. THREATENED
TO SACRIFICE ME. NO
WONDER HE CAN'T
LOOK US IN THE EYE.



BUT IN THE END,
I ABANDONED
SLUNG TOO...

...SO WHO AM I TO JUDGE?





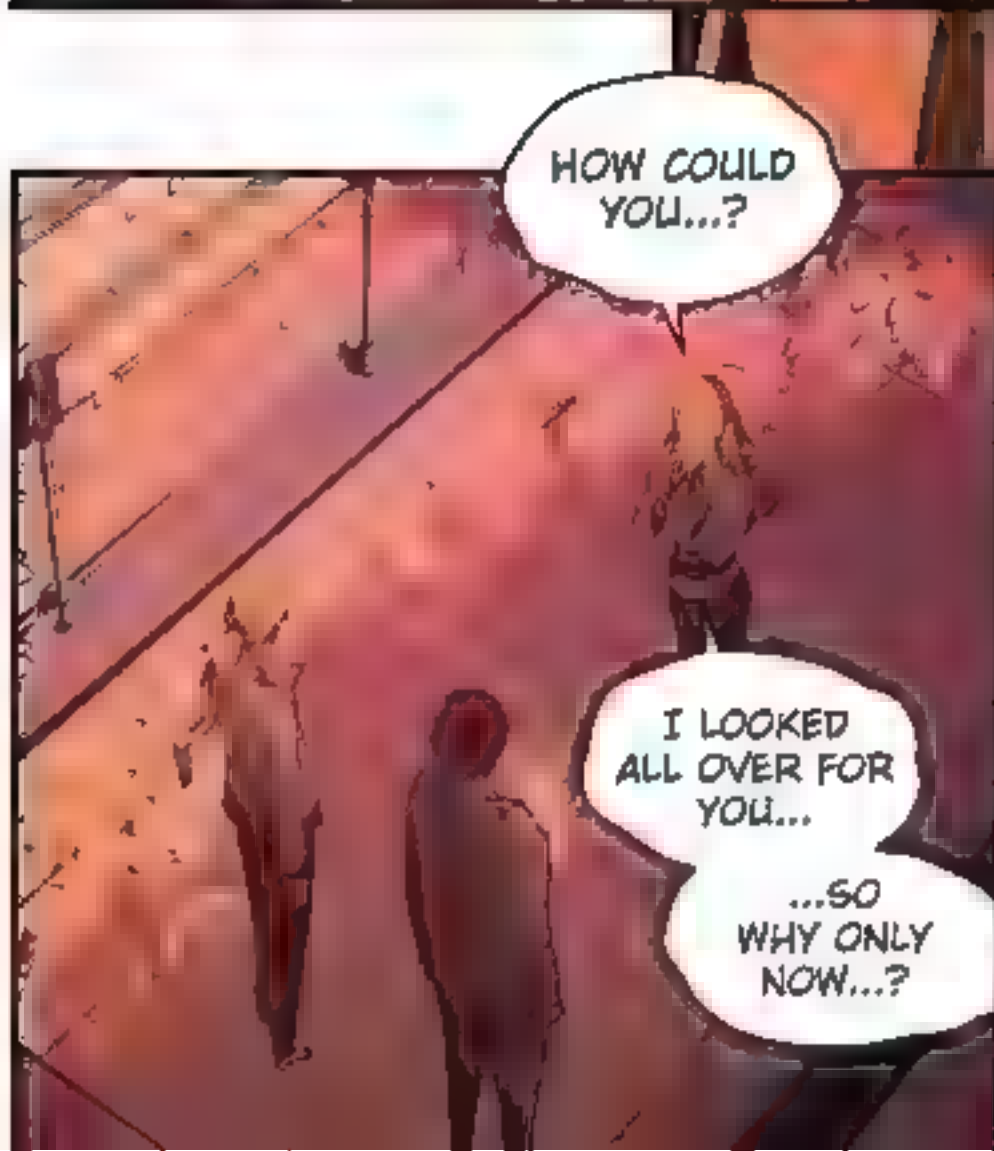
JINWOO...

IS
THAT REALLY
YOU?

YOU
CHANGED SO
MUCH, I HARDLY
RECOGNIZED
YOU...



I'M
A LITTLE
LATE.



HOW COULD
YOU...?

I LOOKED
ALL OVER FOR
YOU...

...SO
WHY ONLY
NOW...?



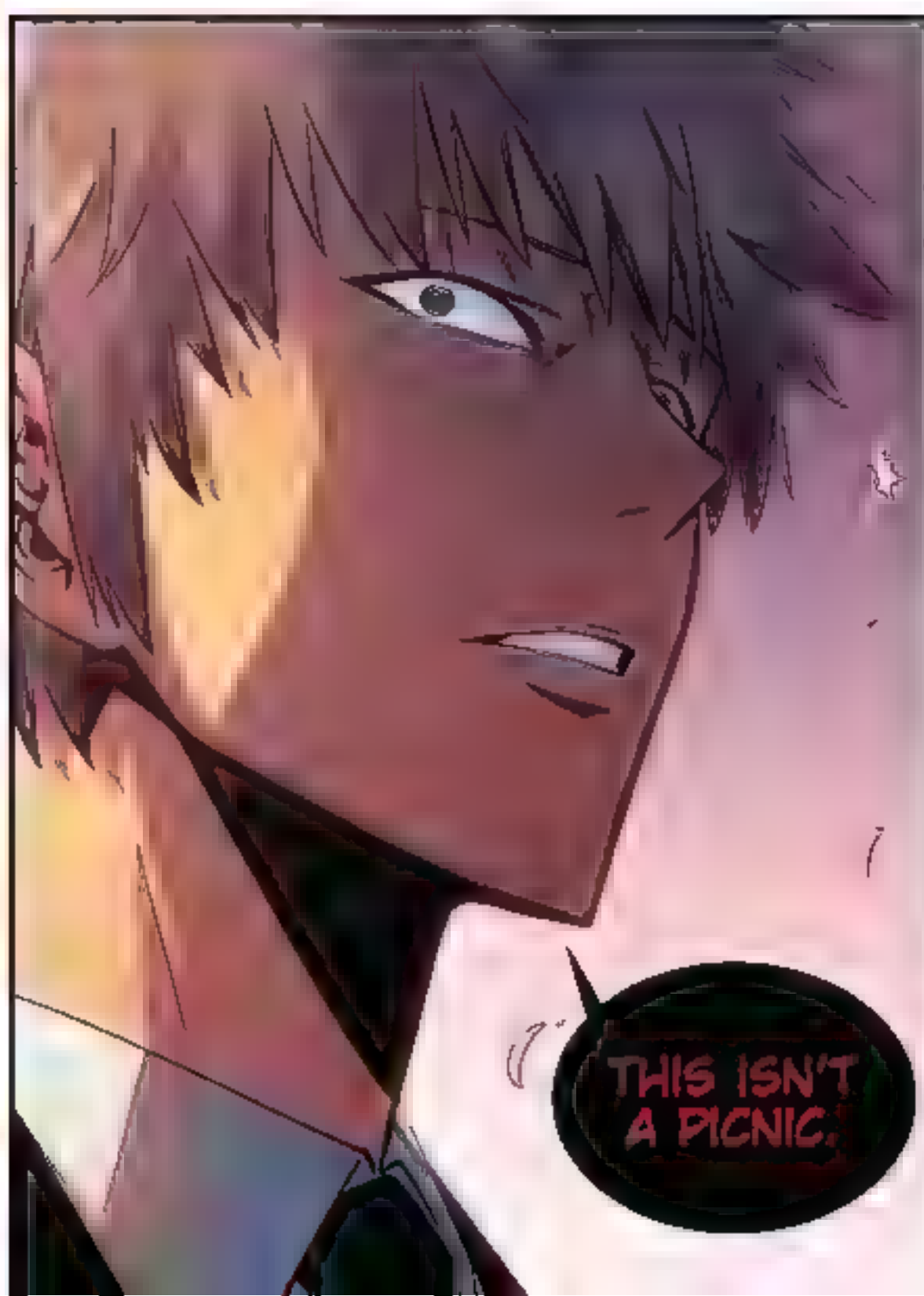
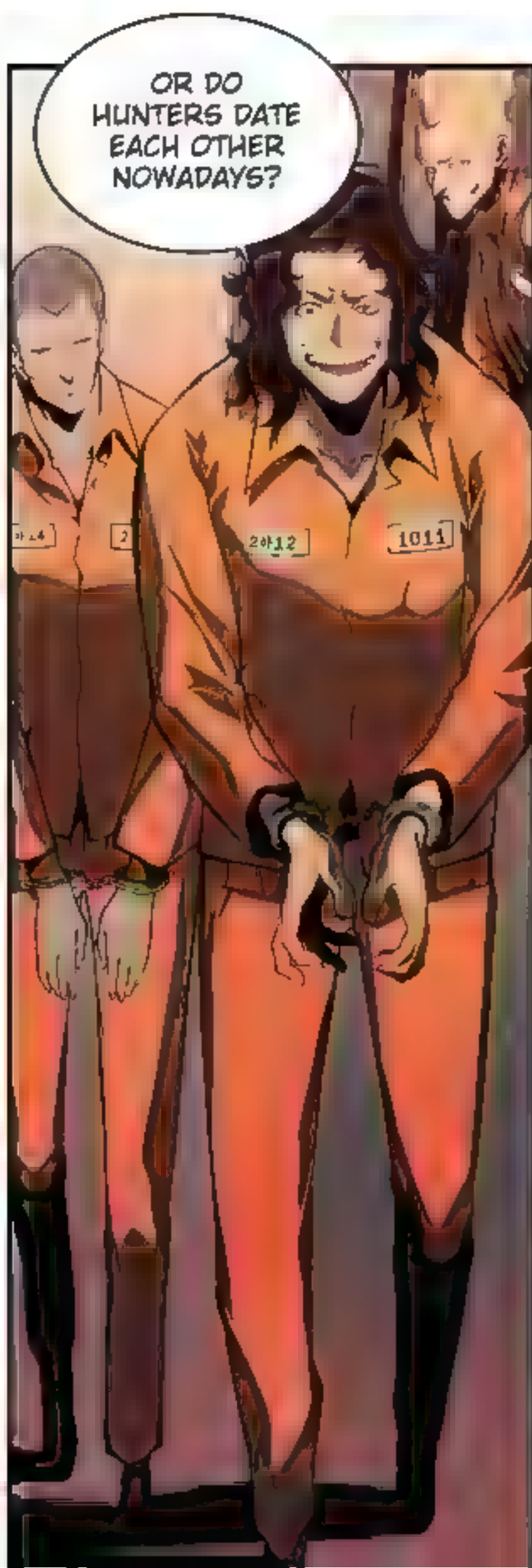
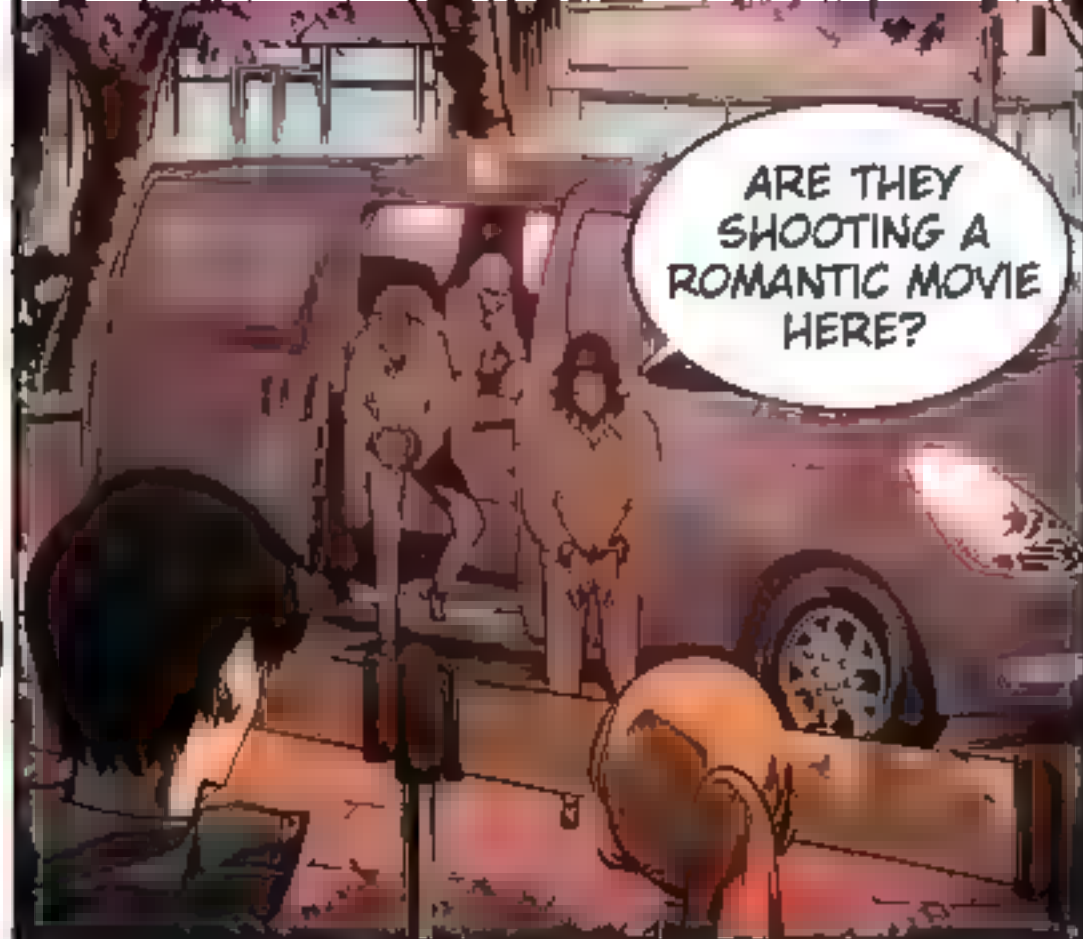
AND HOW
DID YOU GET
SO MUCH
TALLER?

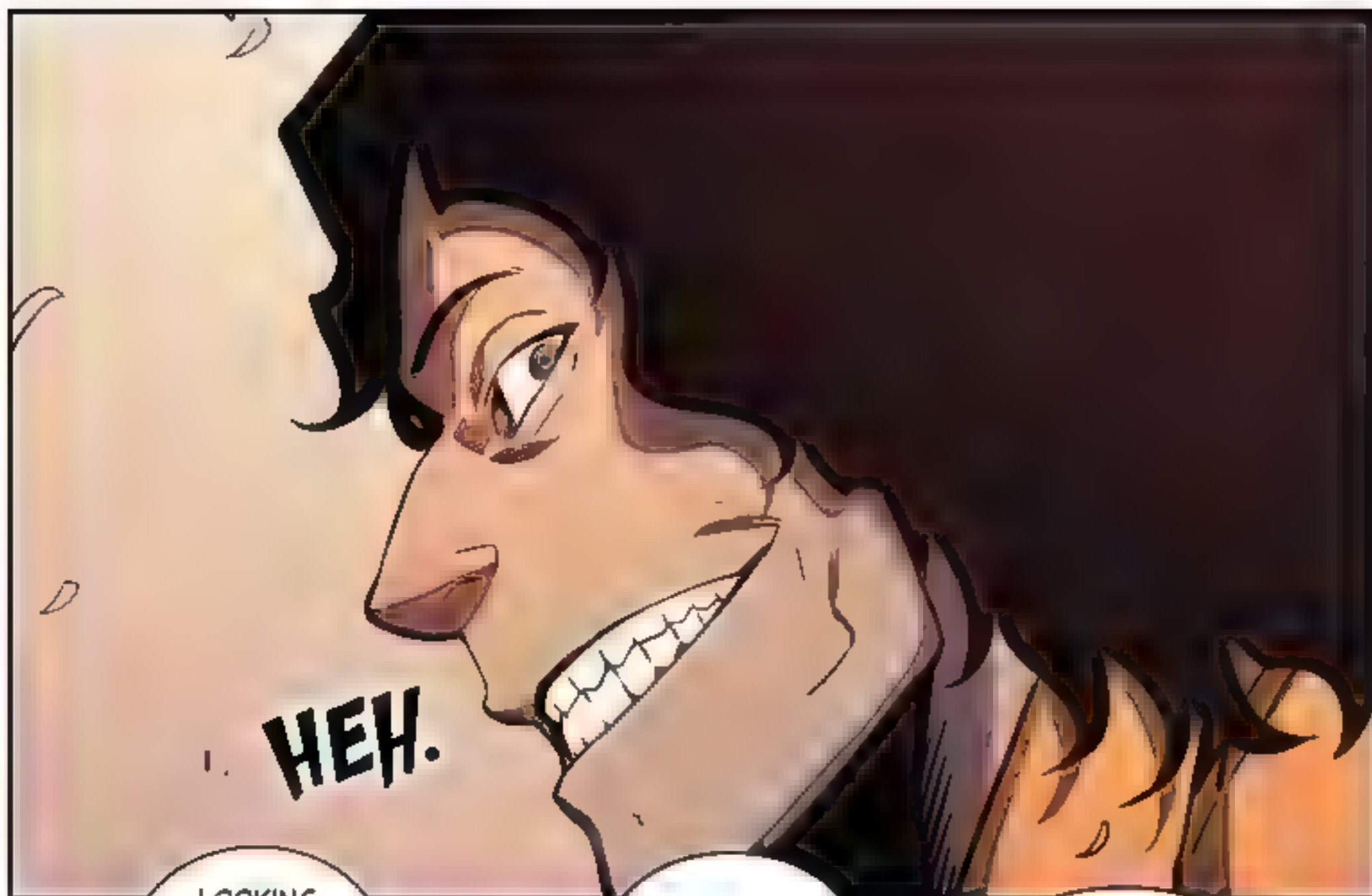
YOUR LEG
MUST'VE
BE—

HUH?

YOUR
LEG...

HOW IS IT...?



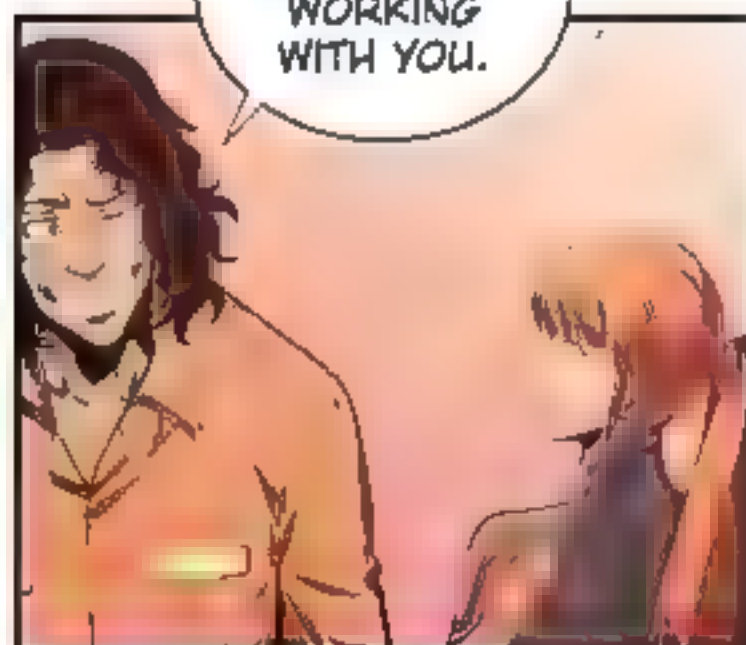


HEH.

LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

ALLOW ME TO CHECK IN YOU HUNTERS FIRST.

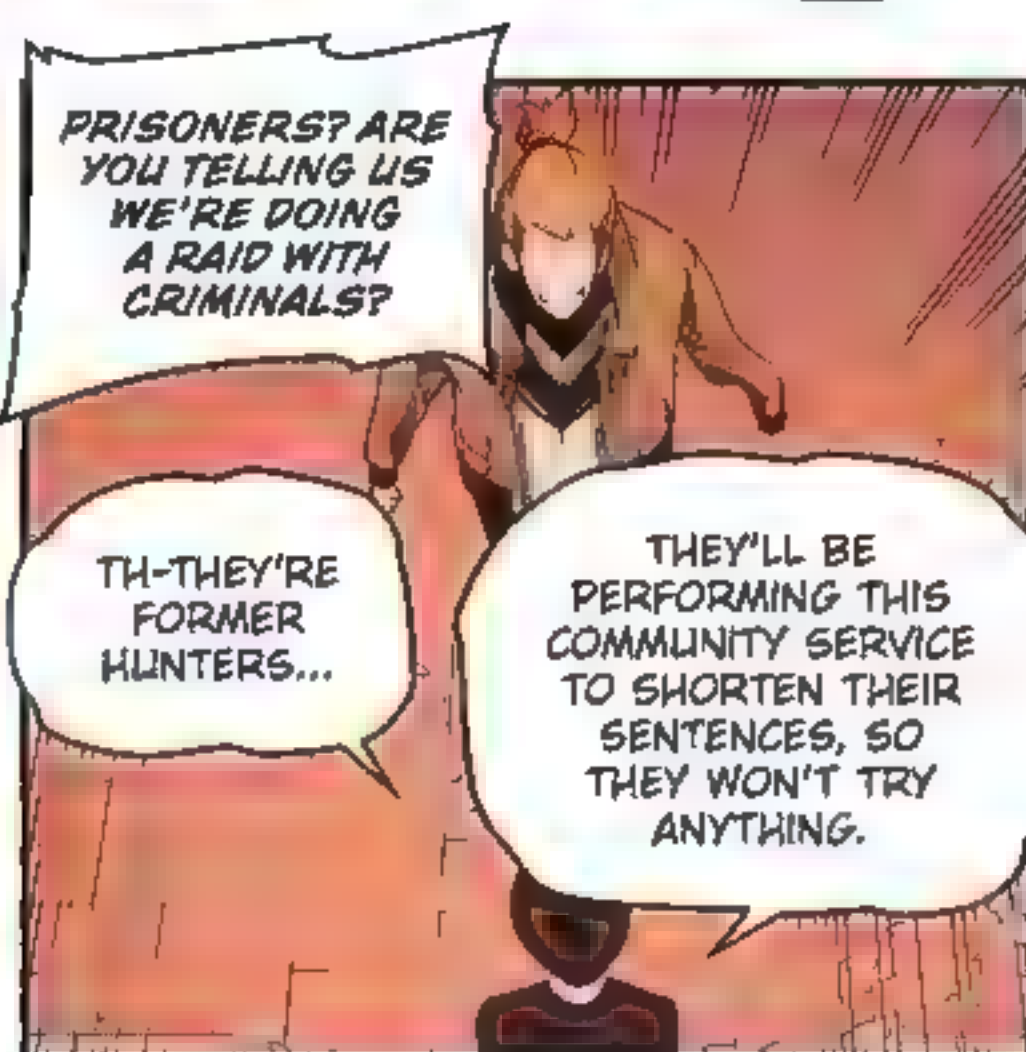


WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



OH, THOSE PEOPLE?

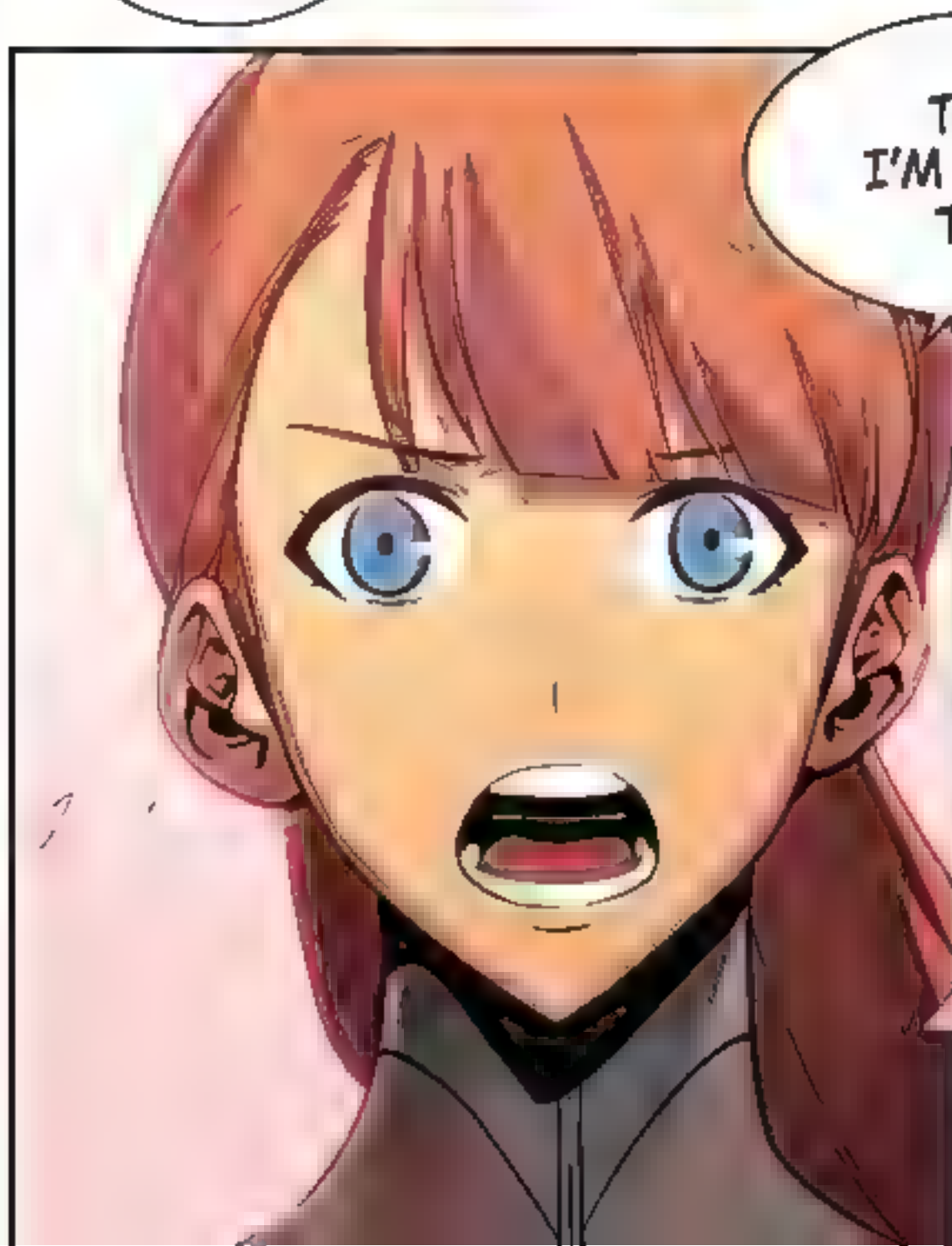
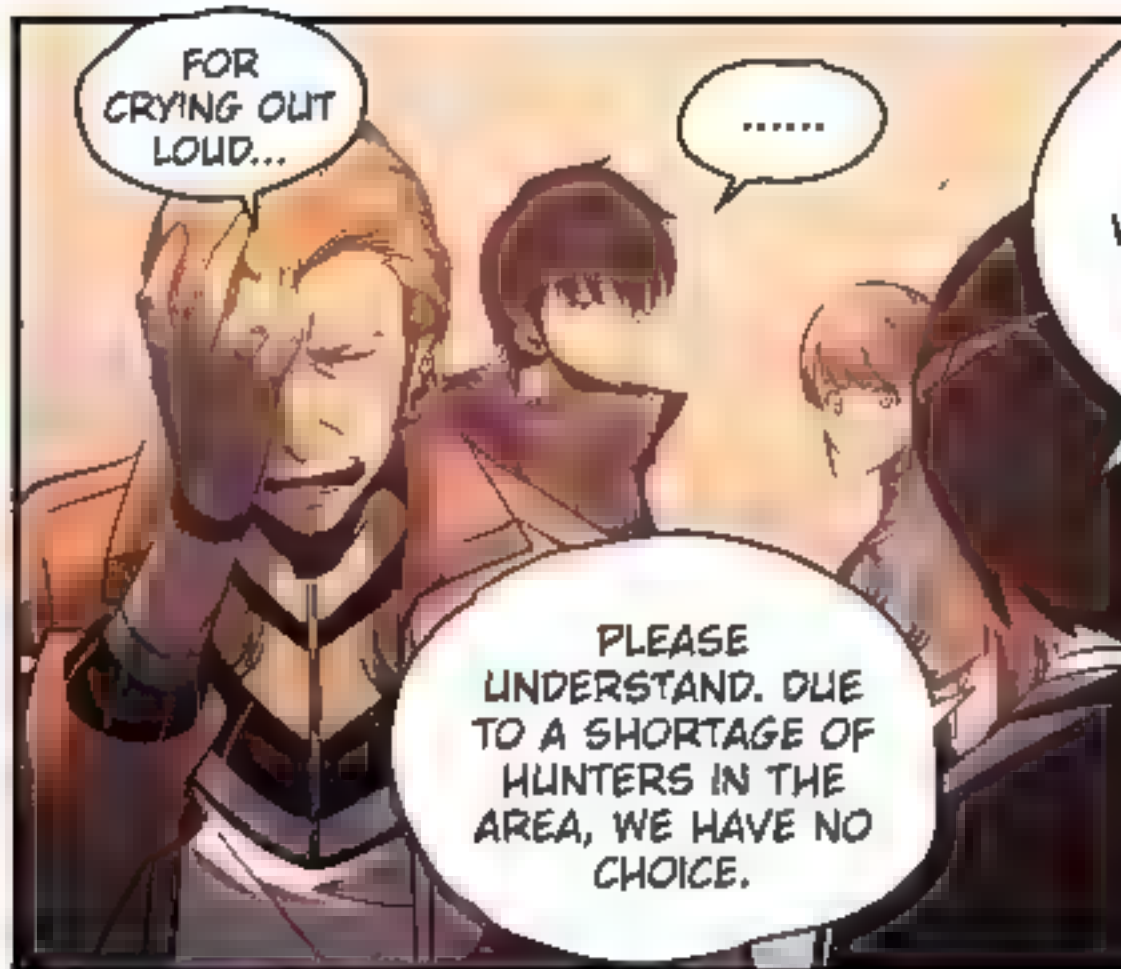
YOU'LL BE JOINED ON TODAY'S RAID BY A GROUP OF PRISONERS ON GOOD BEHAVIOR.

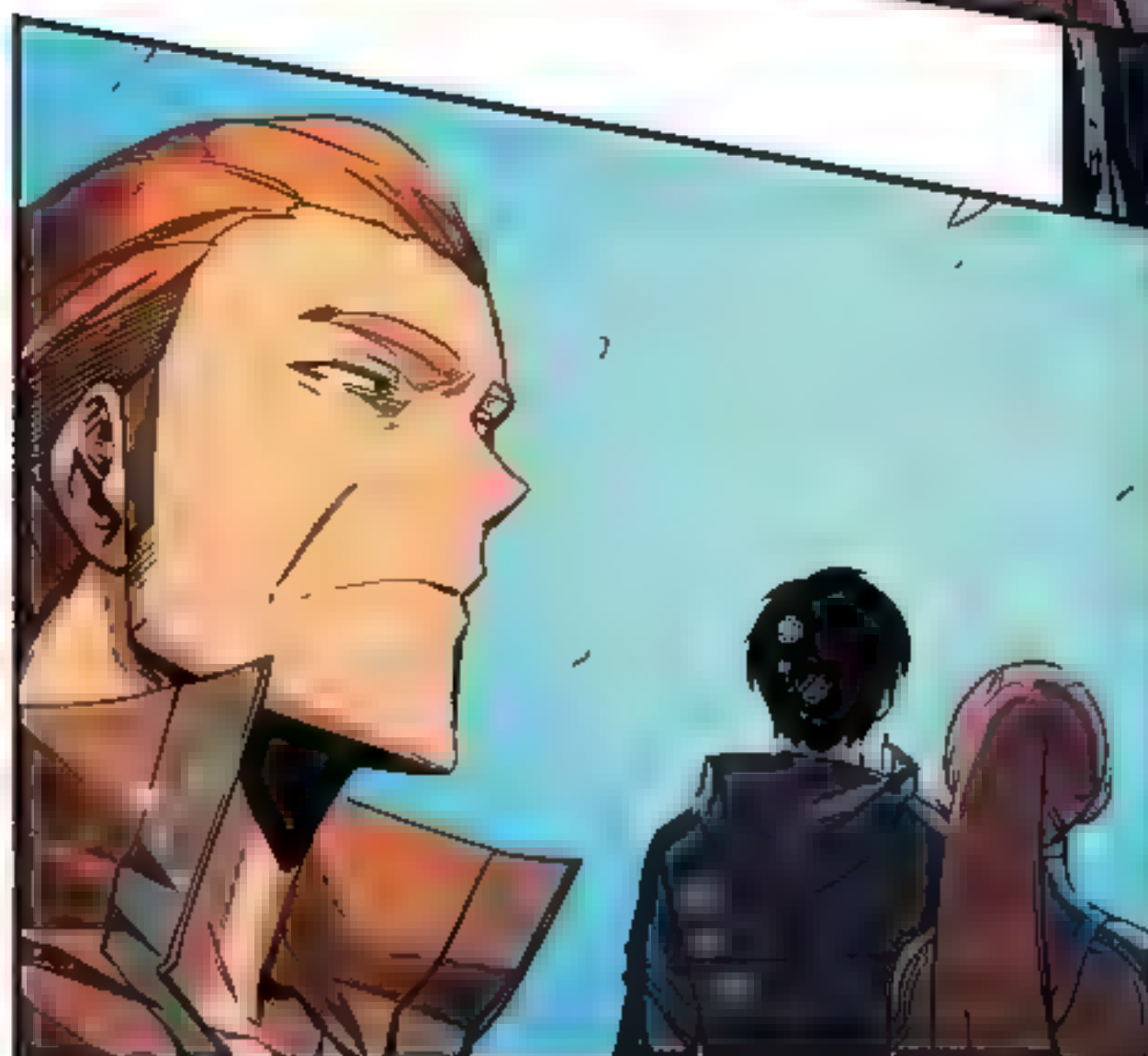


PRISONERS? ARE YOU TELLING US WE'RE DOING A RAID WITH CRIMINALS?

TH-THEY'RE FORMER HUNTERS...

THEY'LL BE PERFORMING THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE TO SHORTEN THEIR SENTENCES, SO THEY WON'T TRY ANYTHING.





WHAT A TEAM.



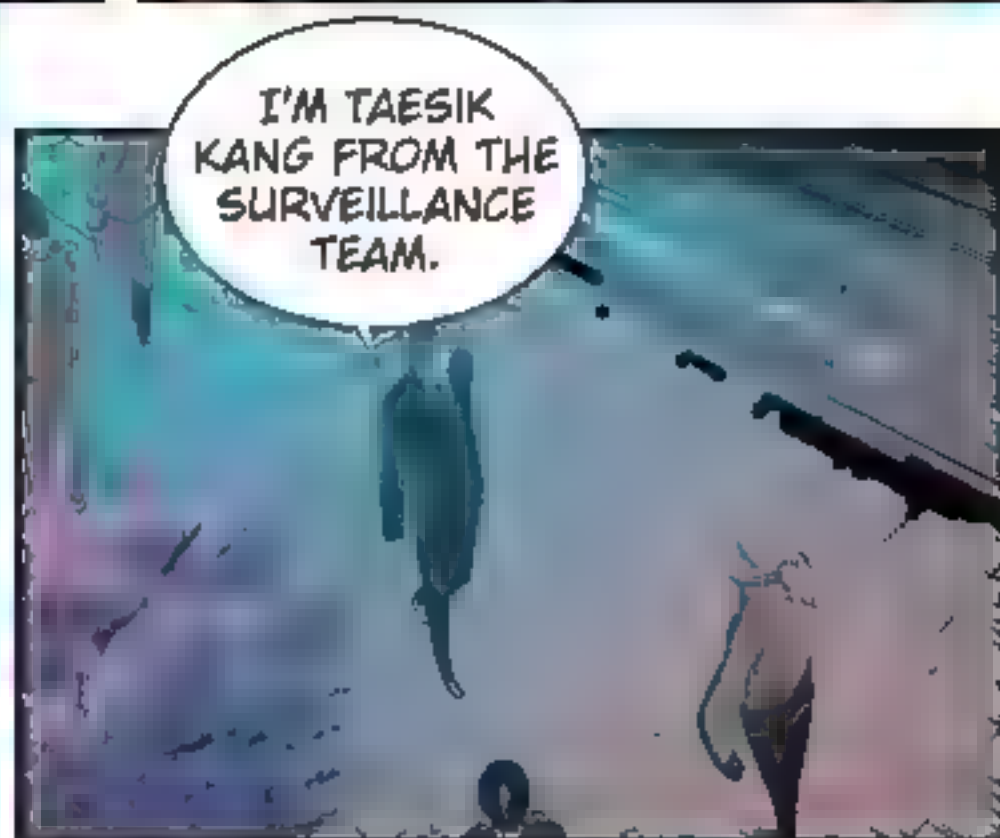
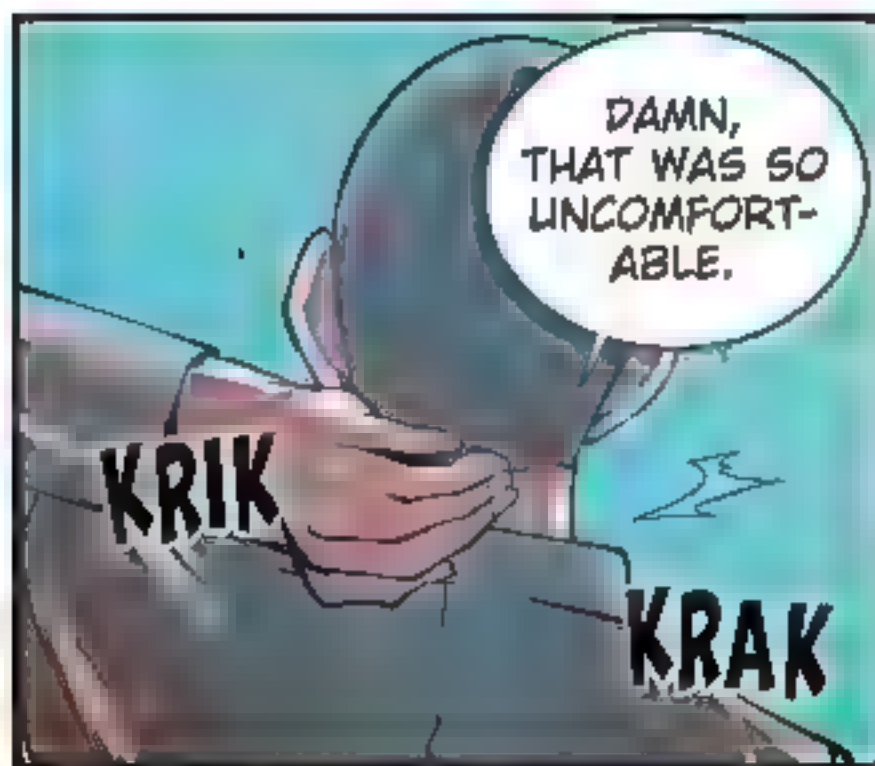
WELL, MAYBE...

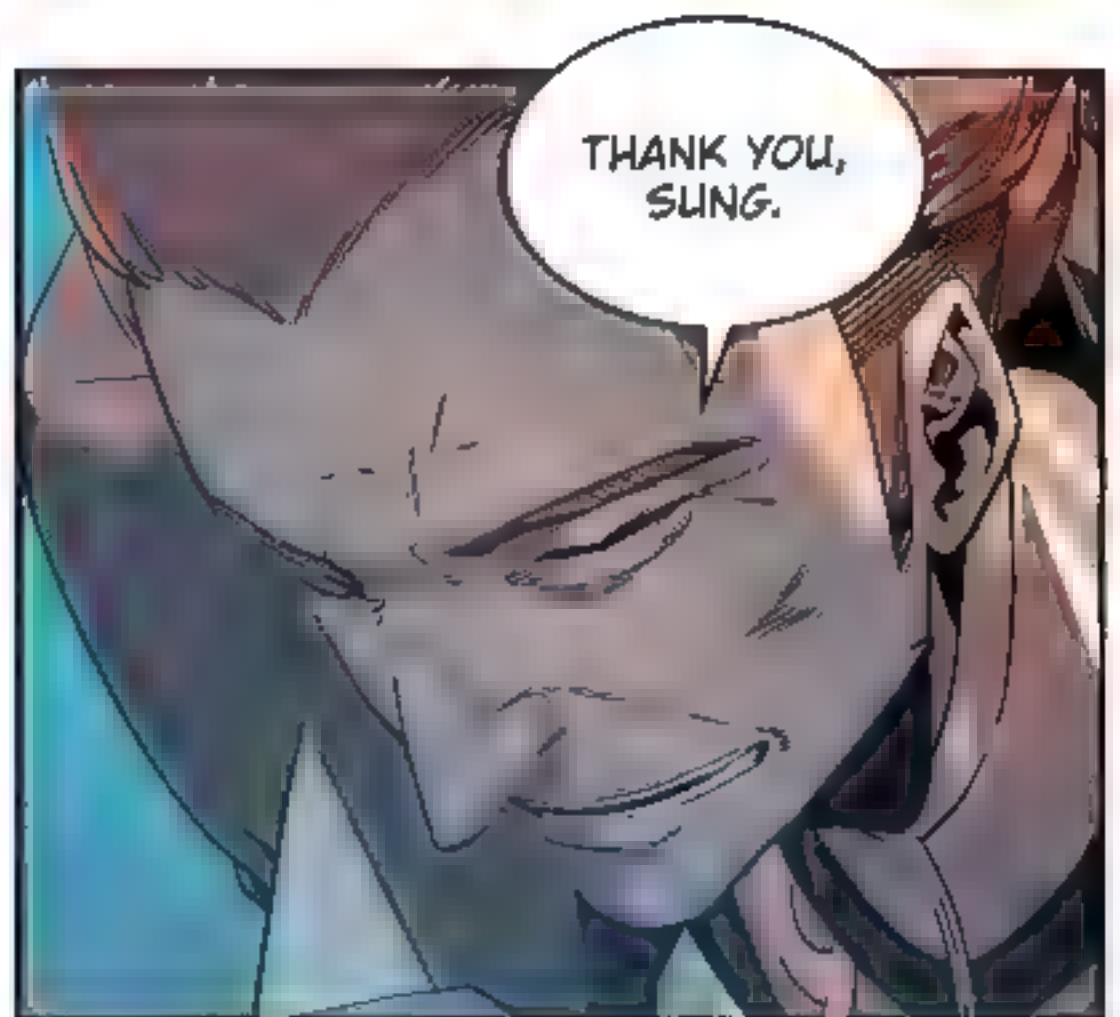
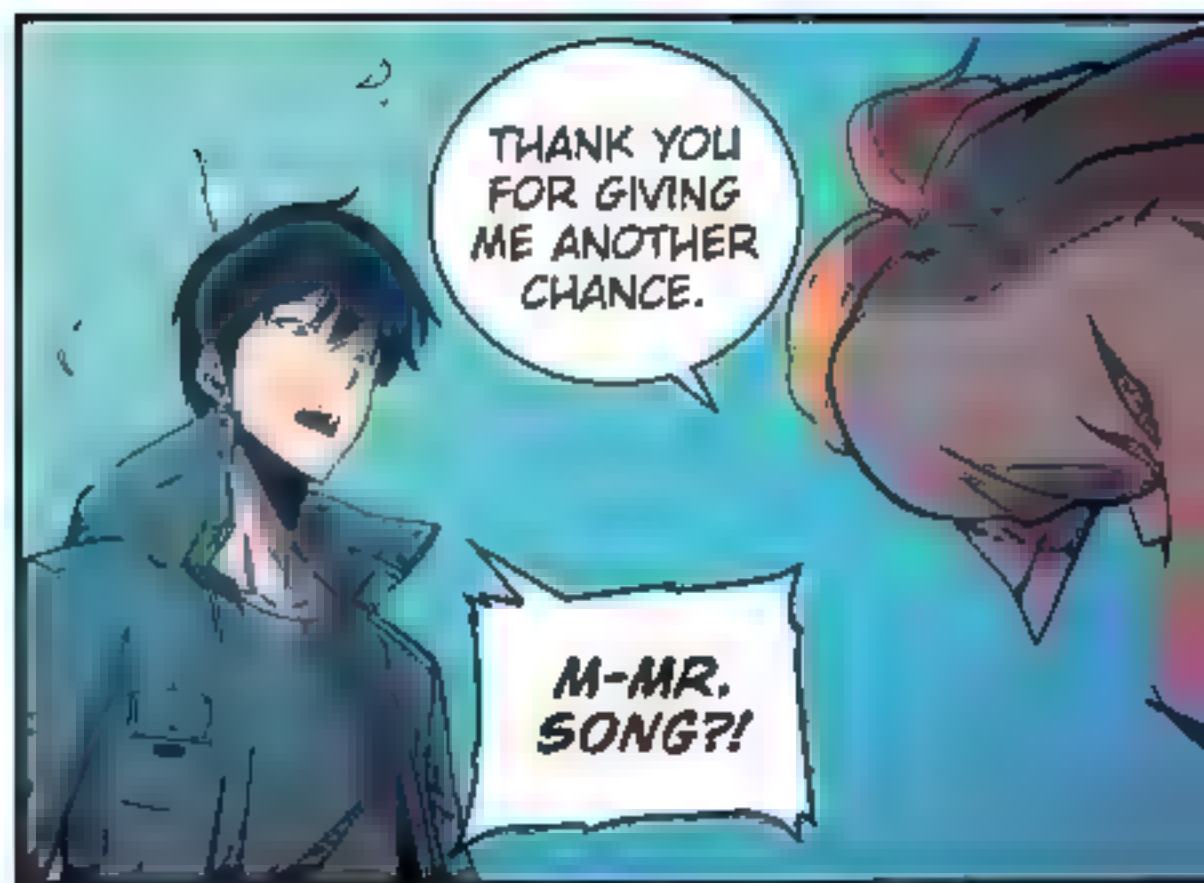
...IT'S DESTINY CALLING AGAIN.

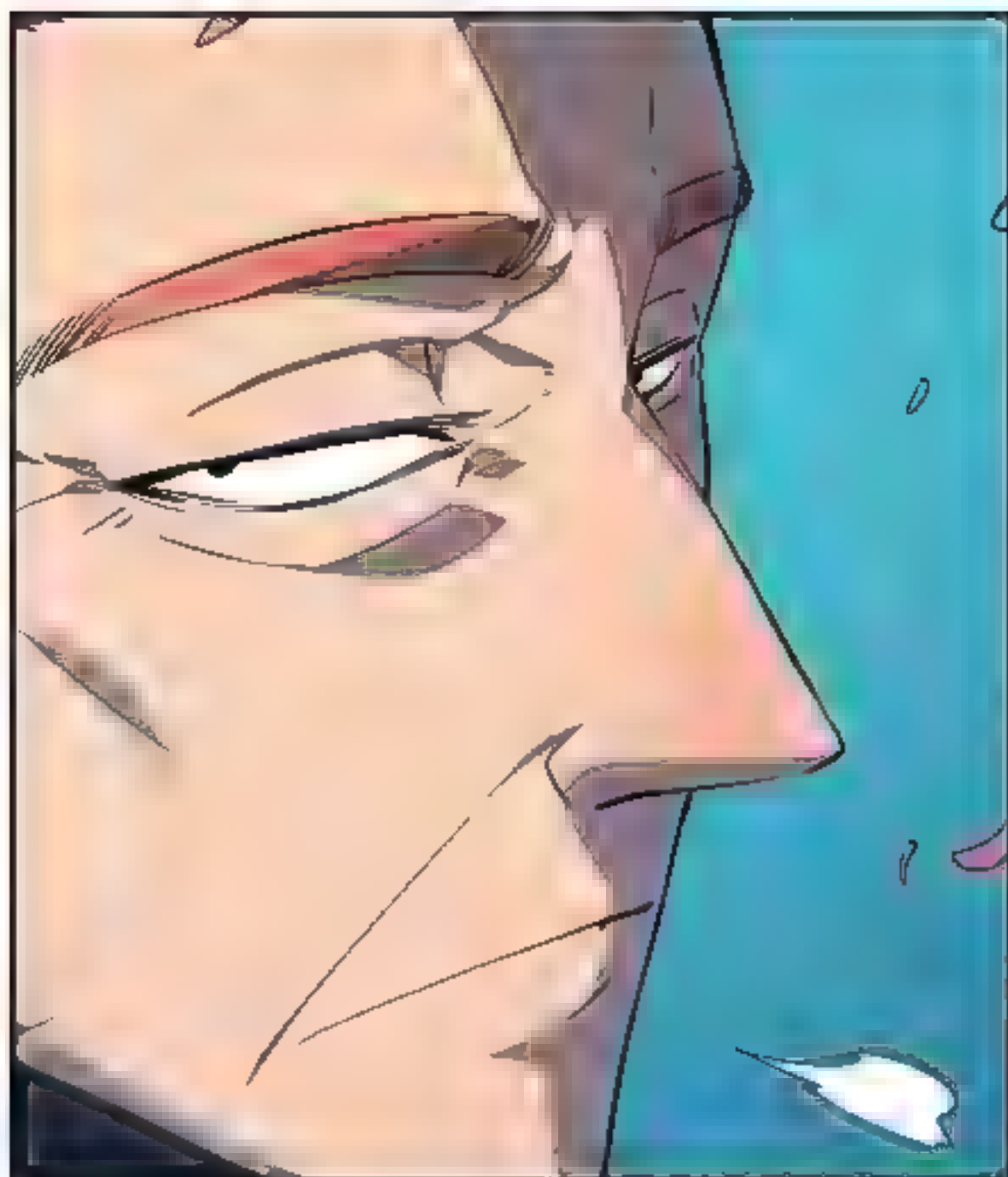
LET'S GO.

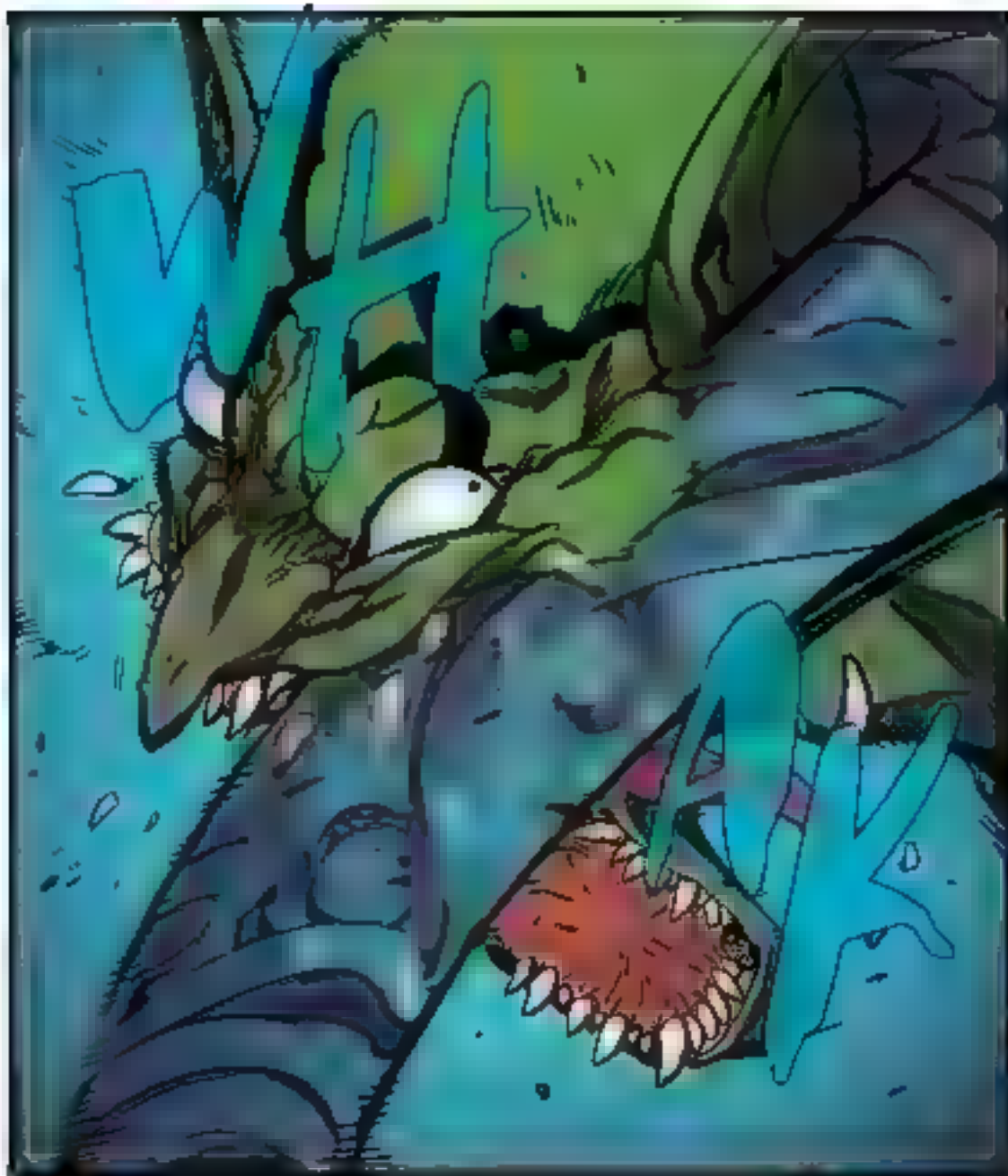
FLAP

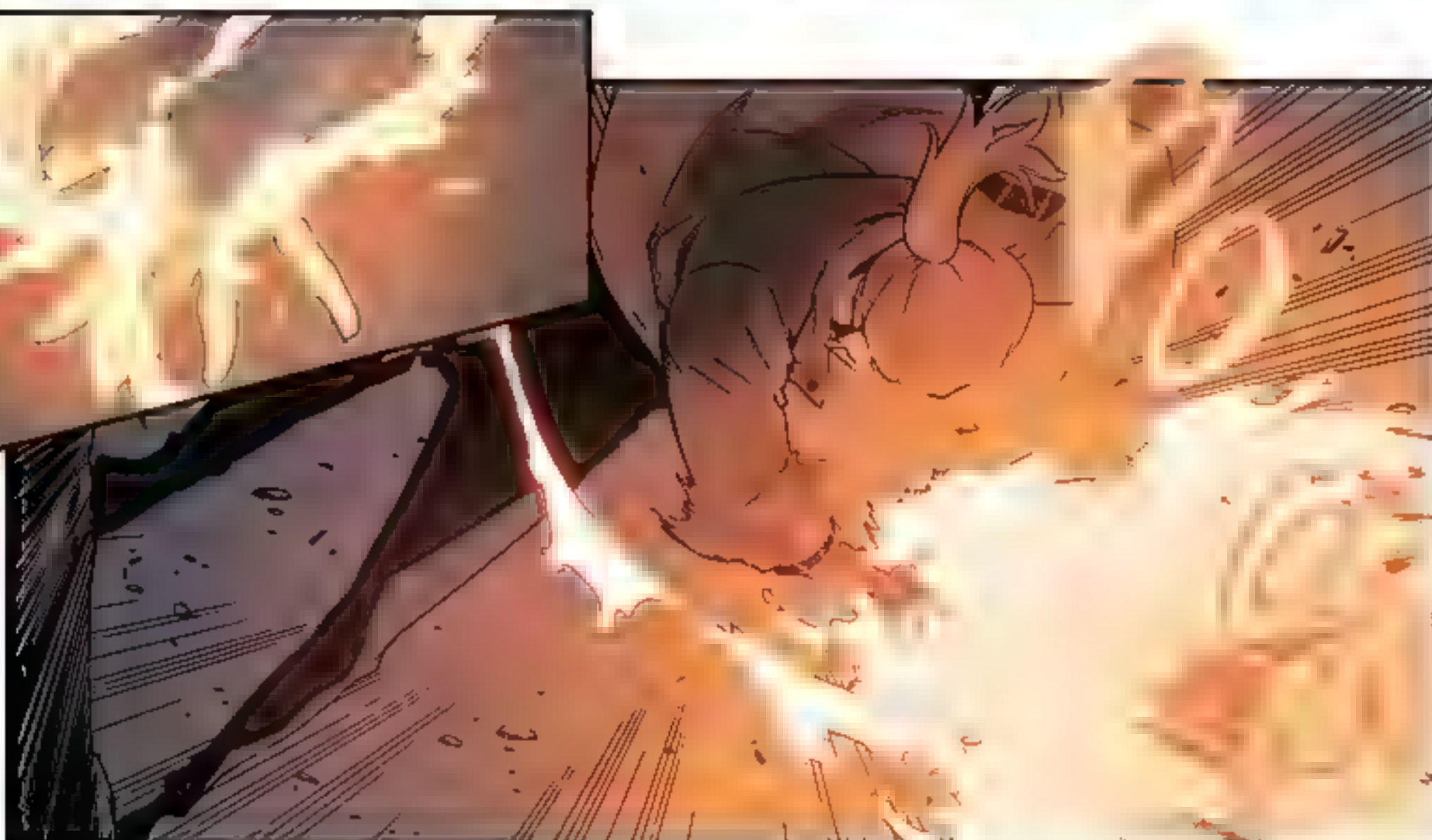
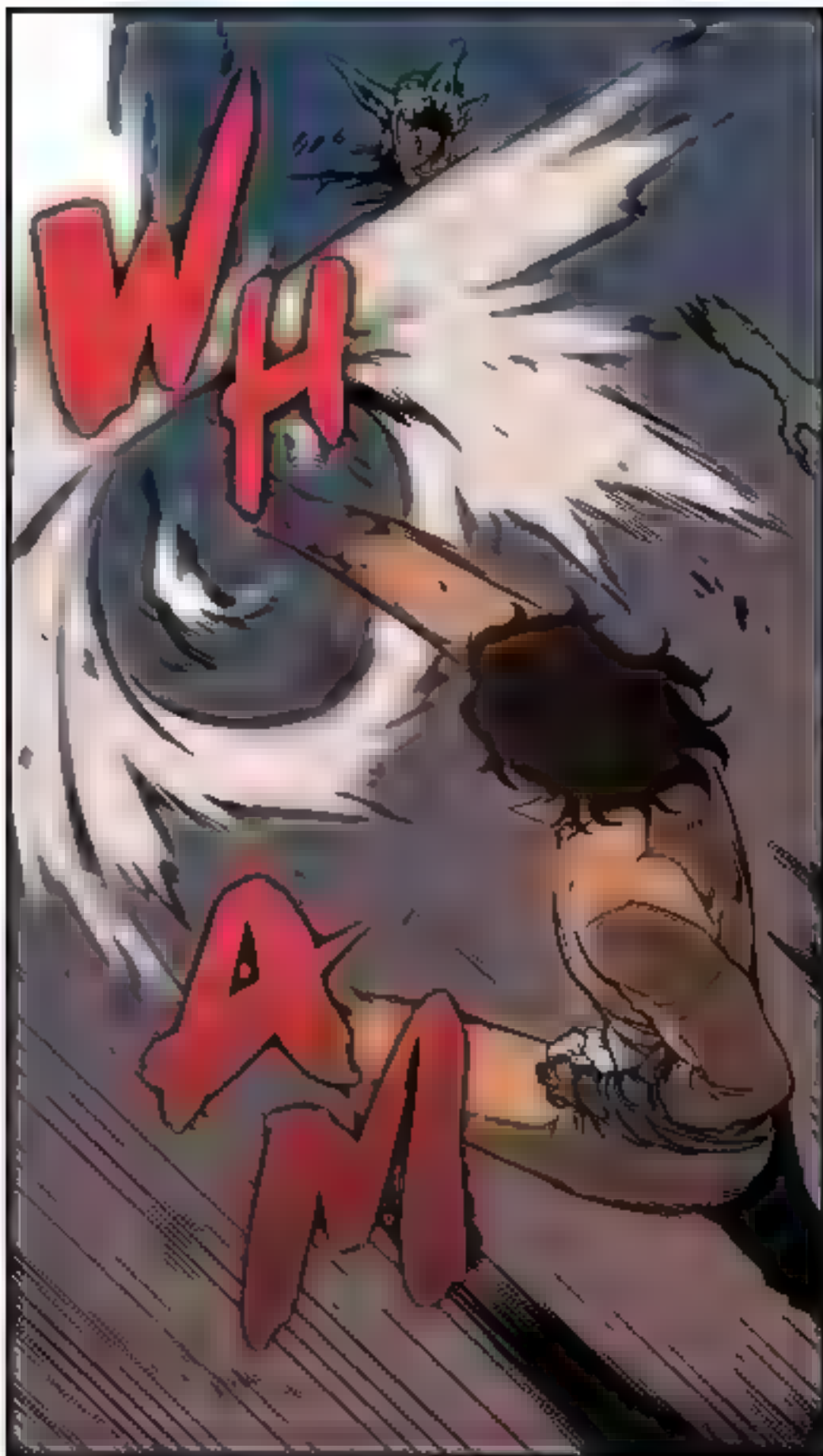
INTO THE DUNGEON.

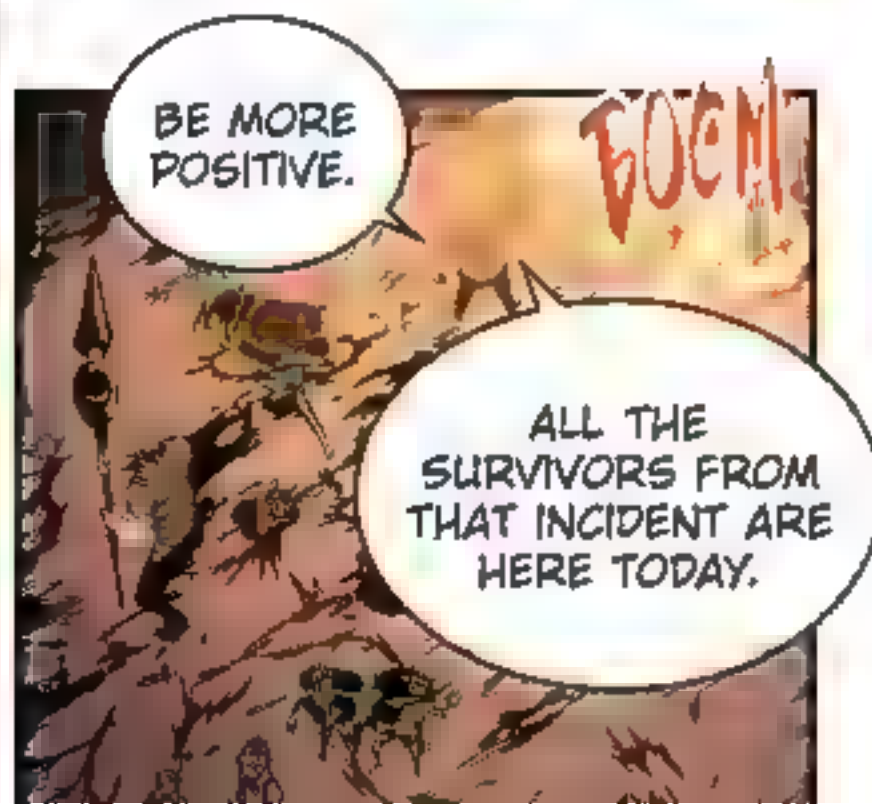
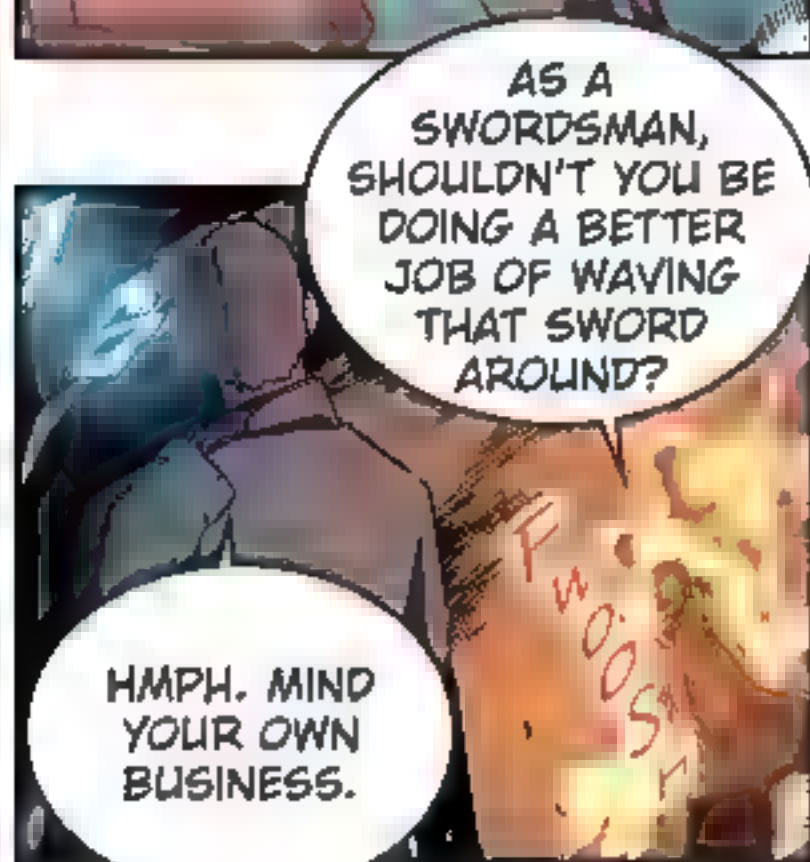
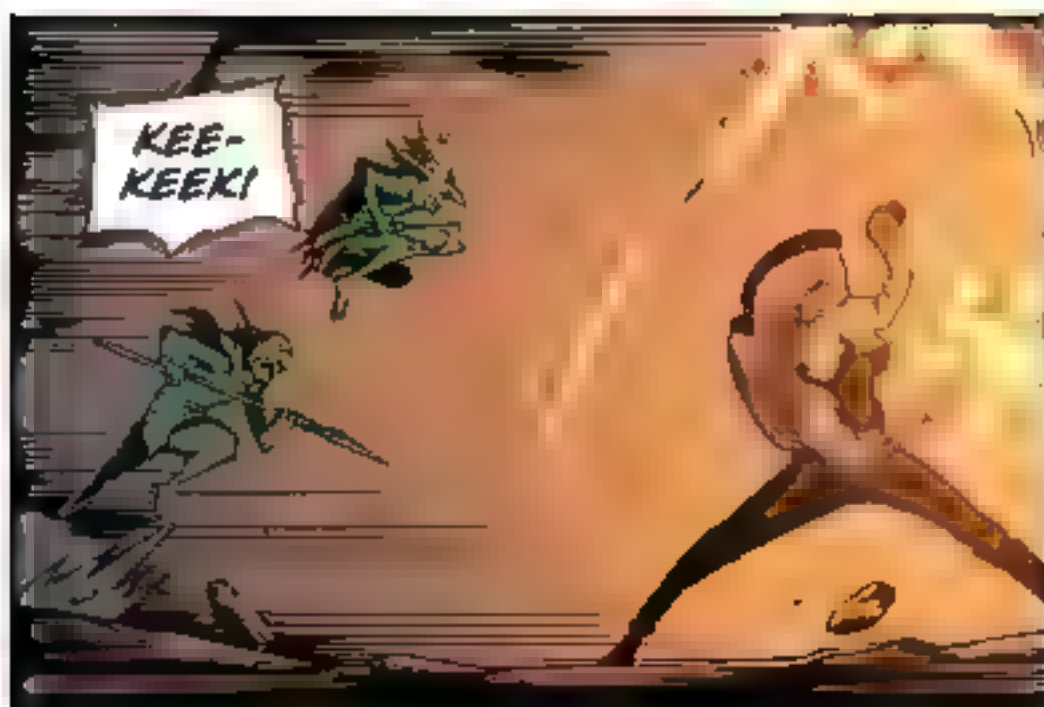




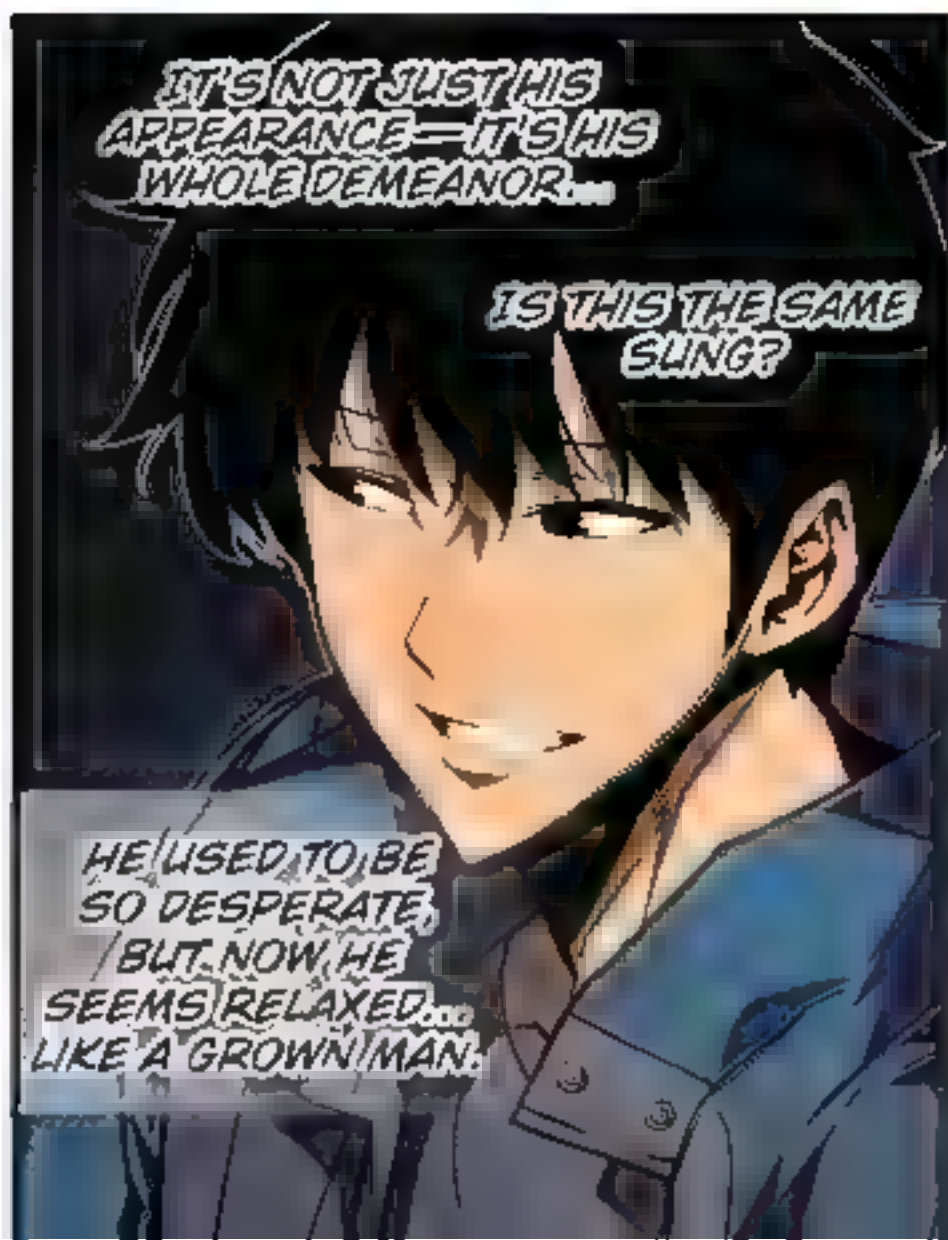
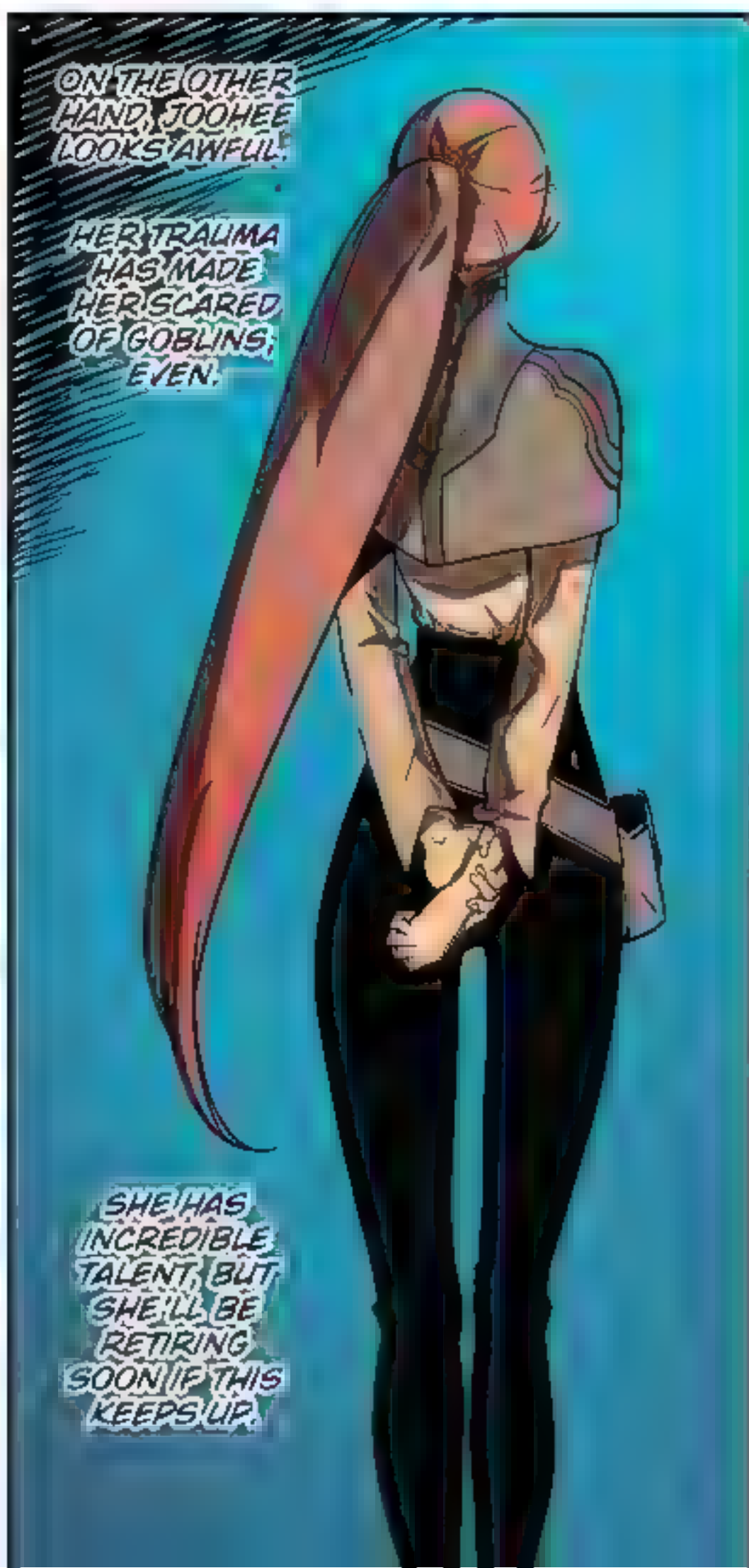
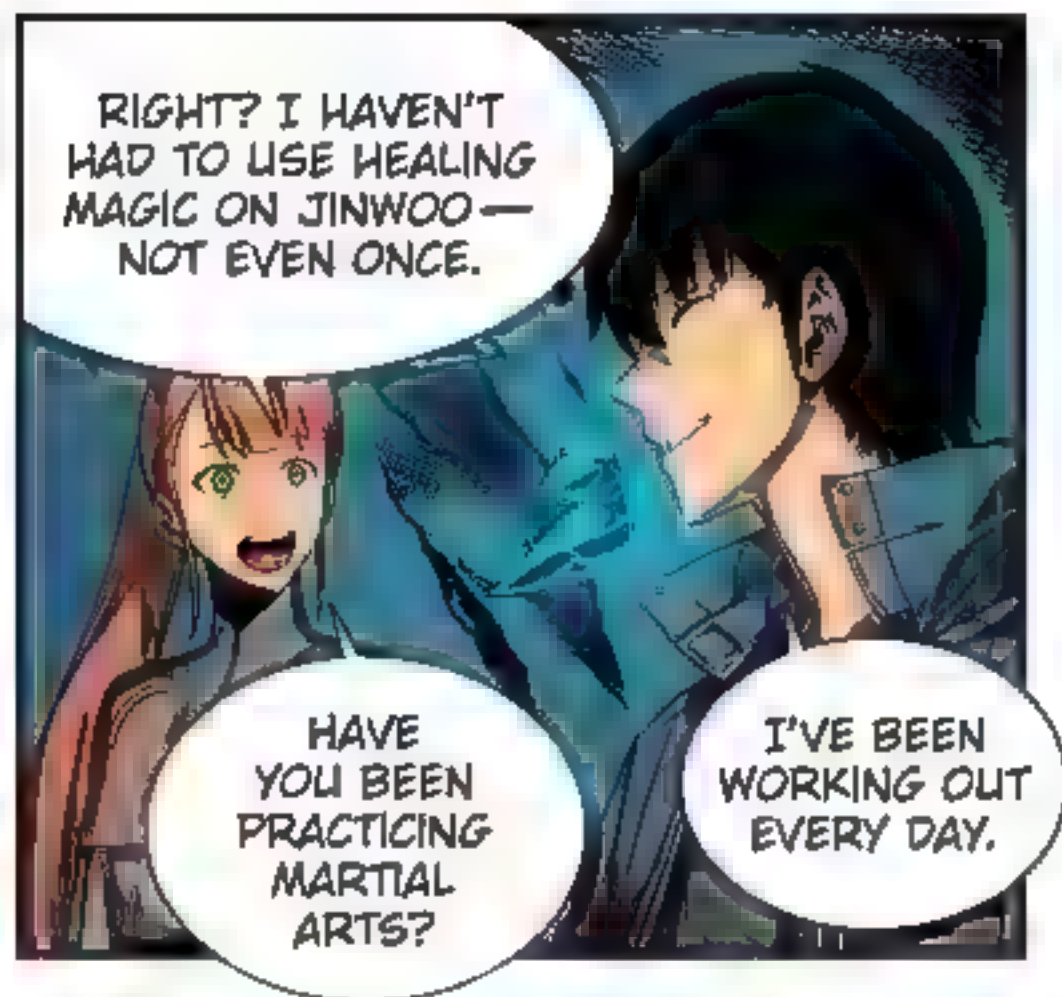








ALL THE SURVIVORS FROM THAT INCIDENT ARE HERE TODAY.



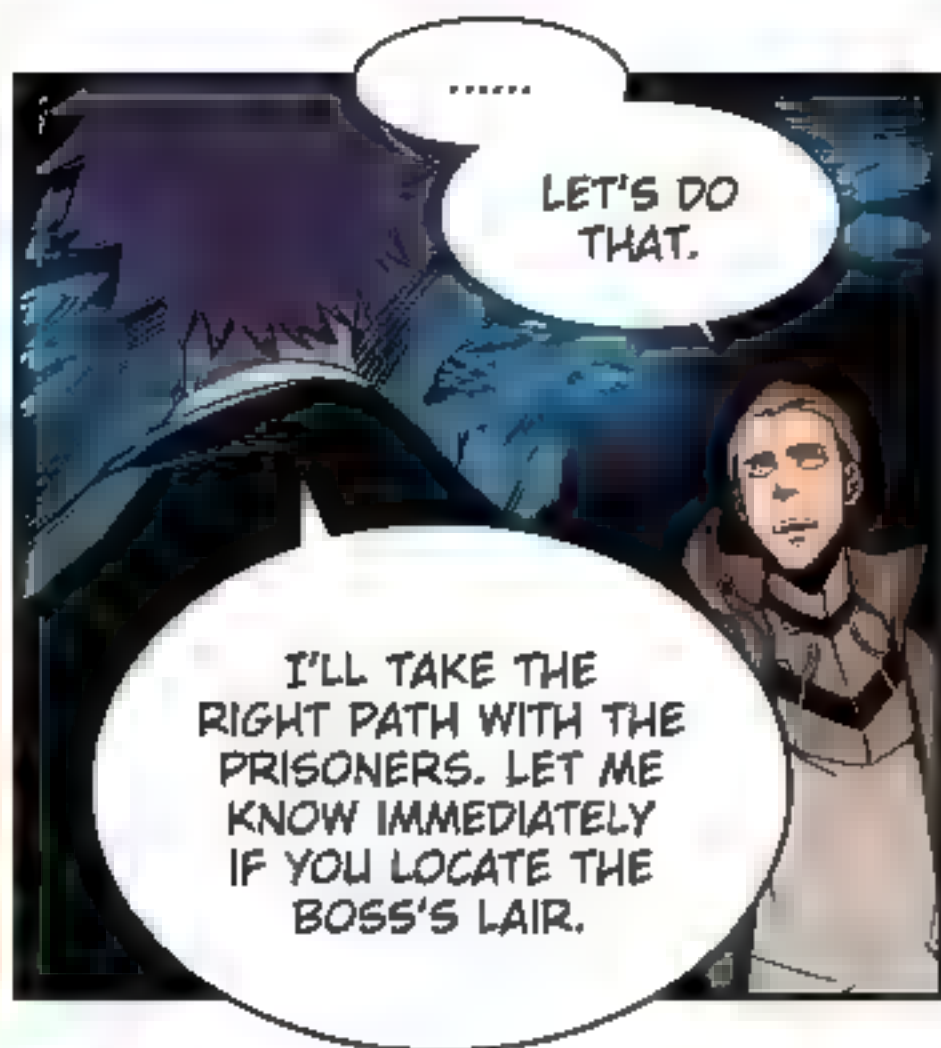


THE PATH
FORKS IN THREE
DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS.



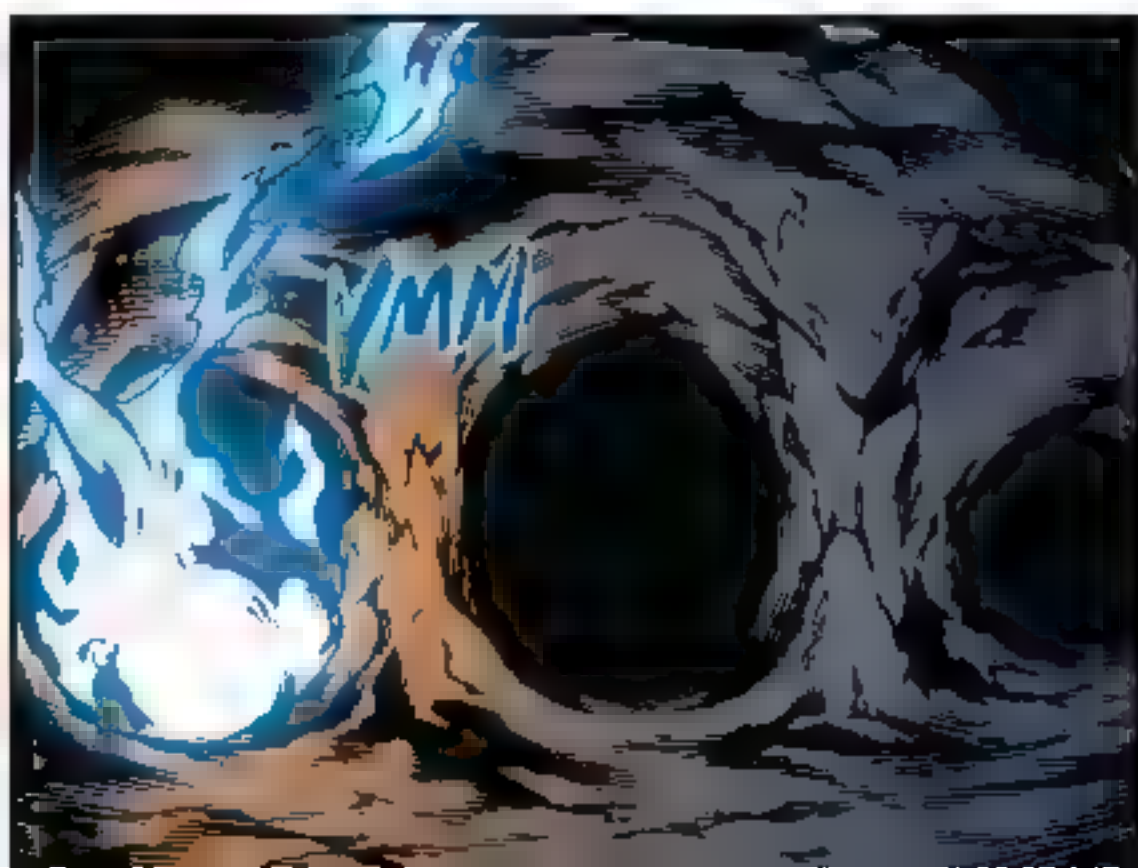
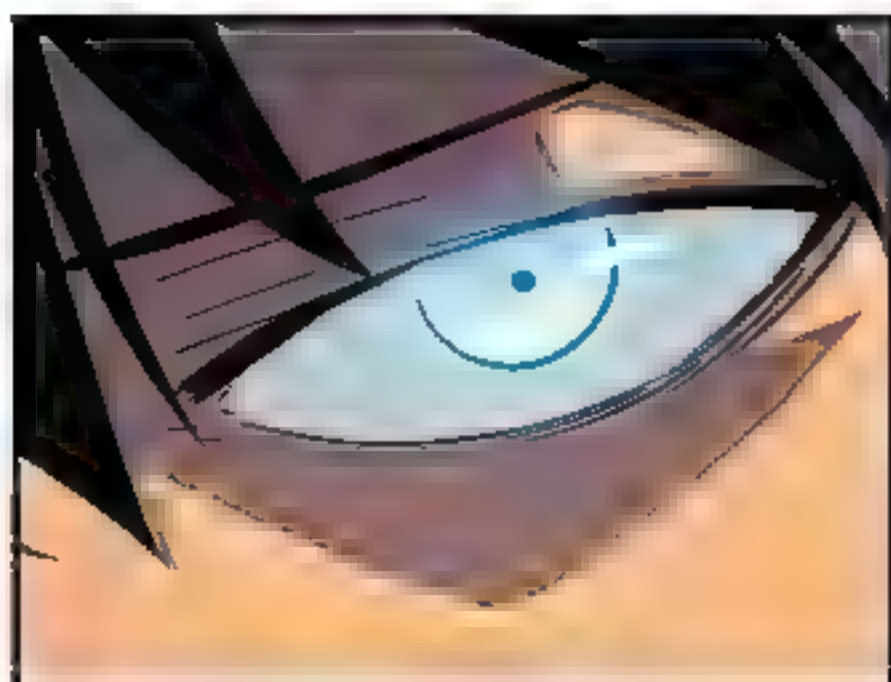
HOW
ABOUT WE SPLIT
UP SINCE THE
THREAT LEVEL IS
LOW?

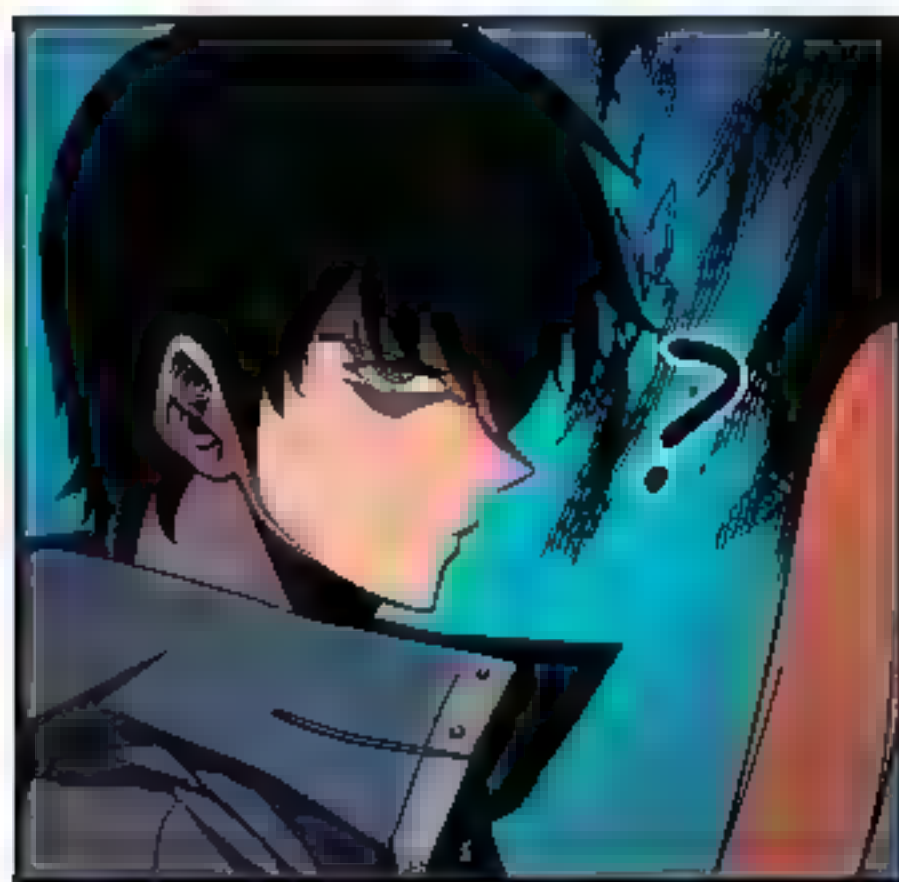
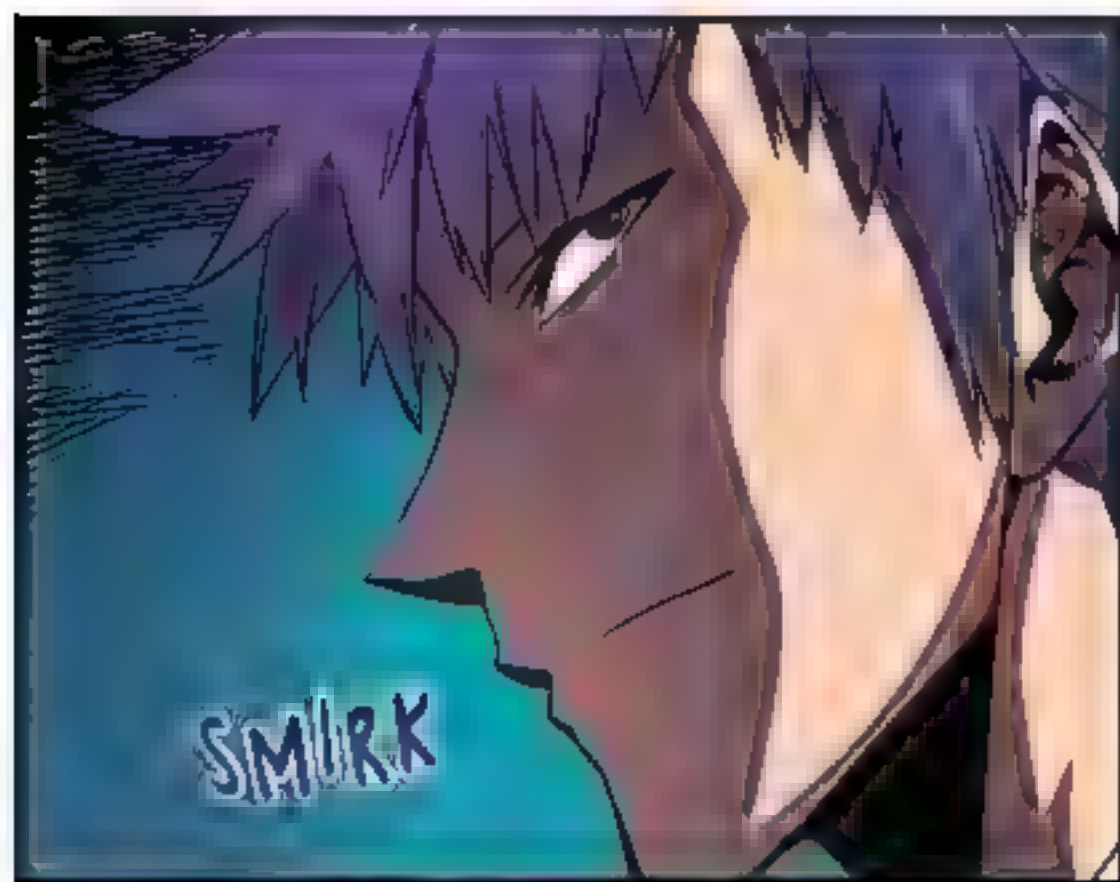
MAKES IT
MORE DANGEROUS,
BUT WE'LL CLEAR
THE DUNGEON
FASTER.

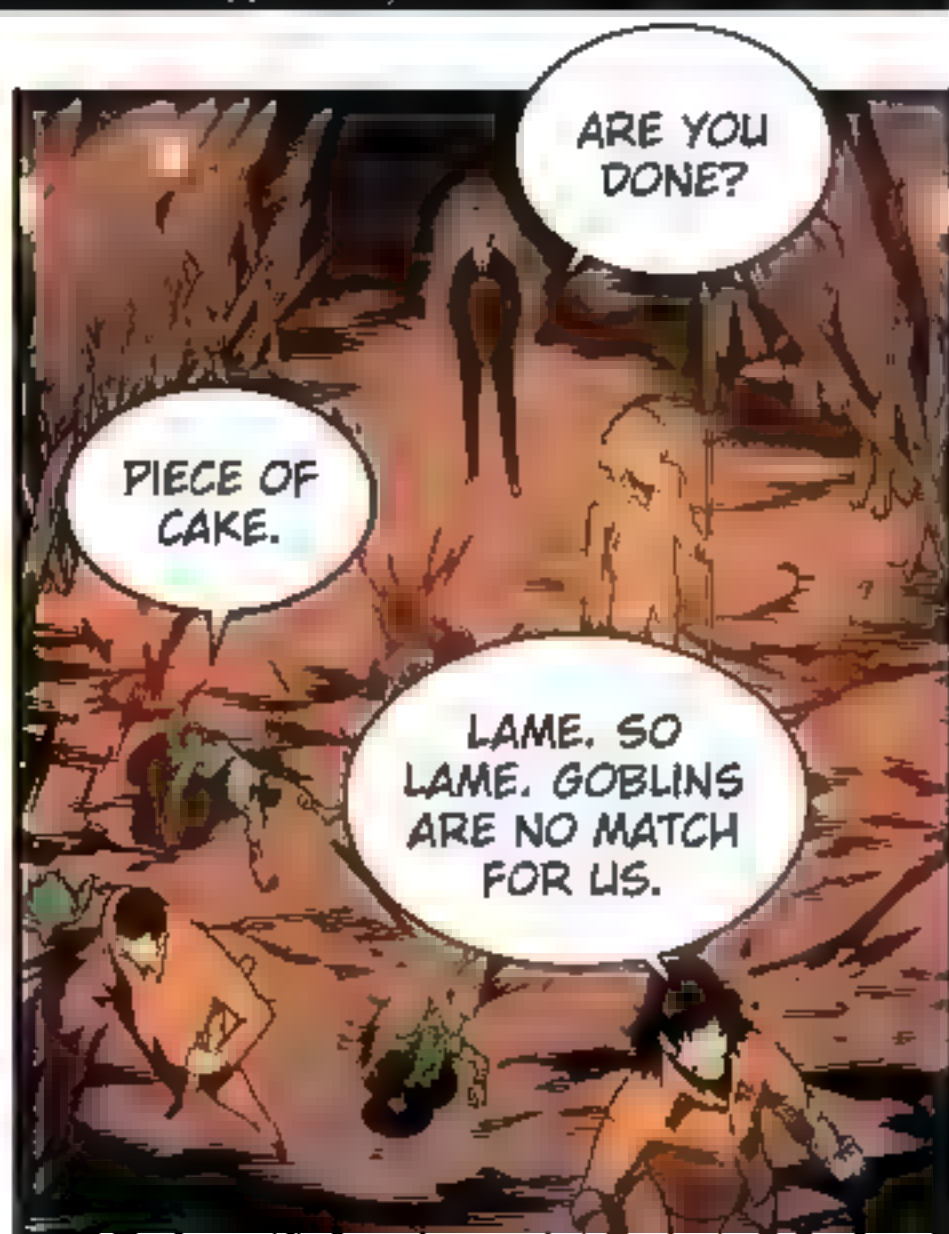
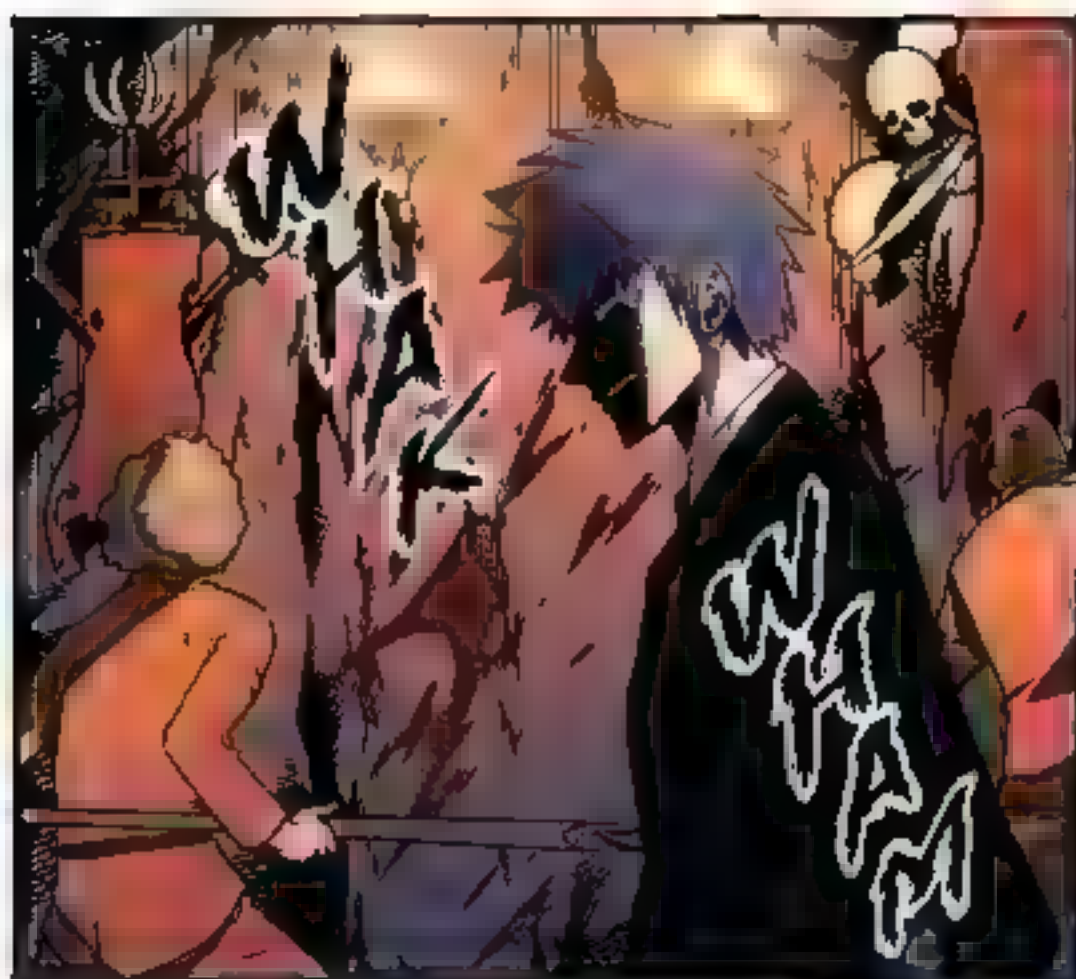
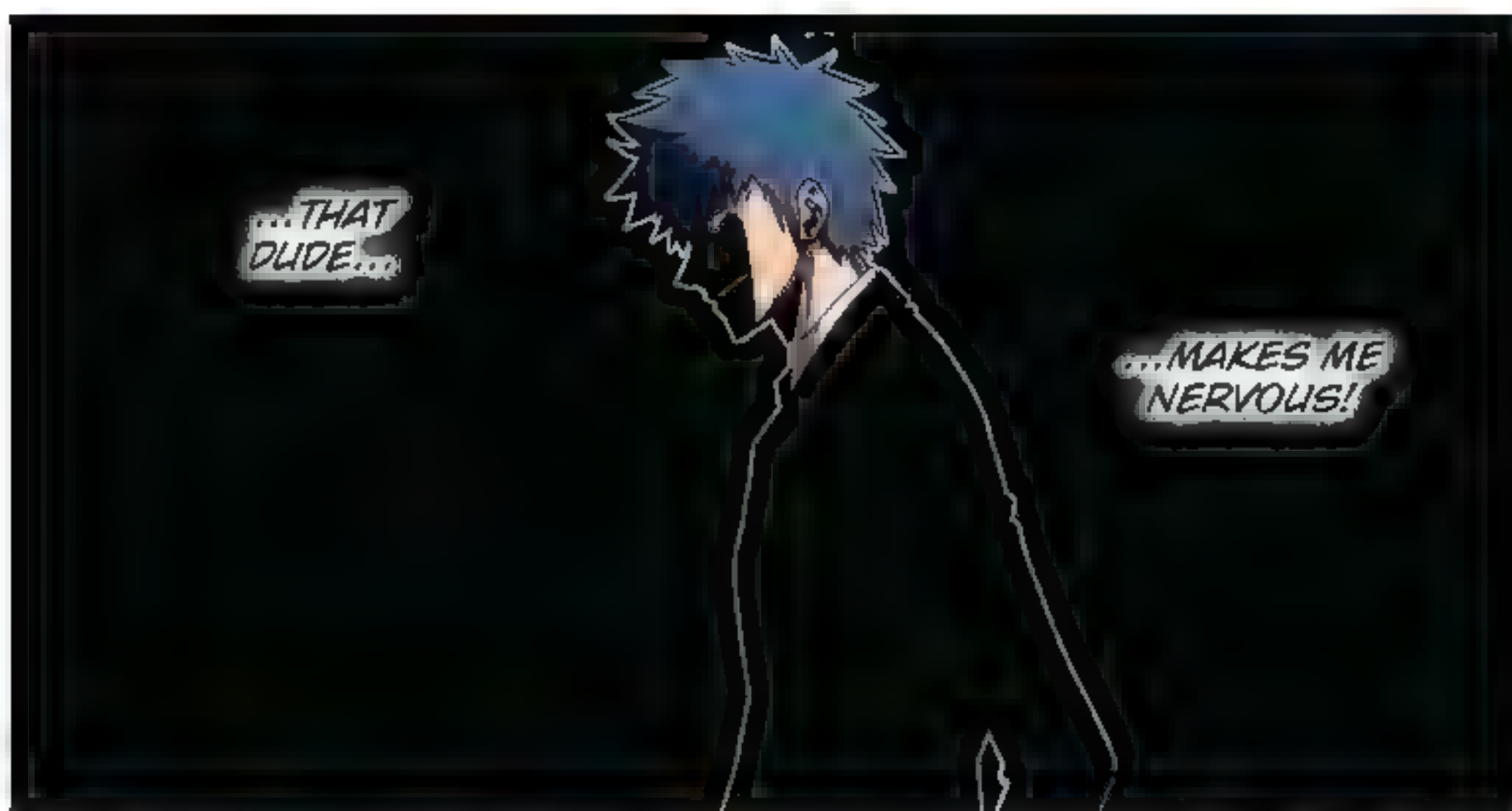
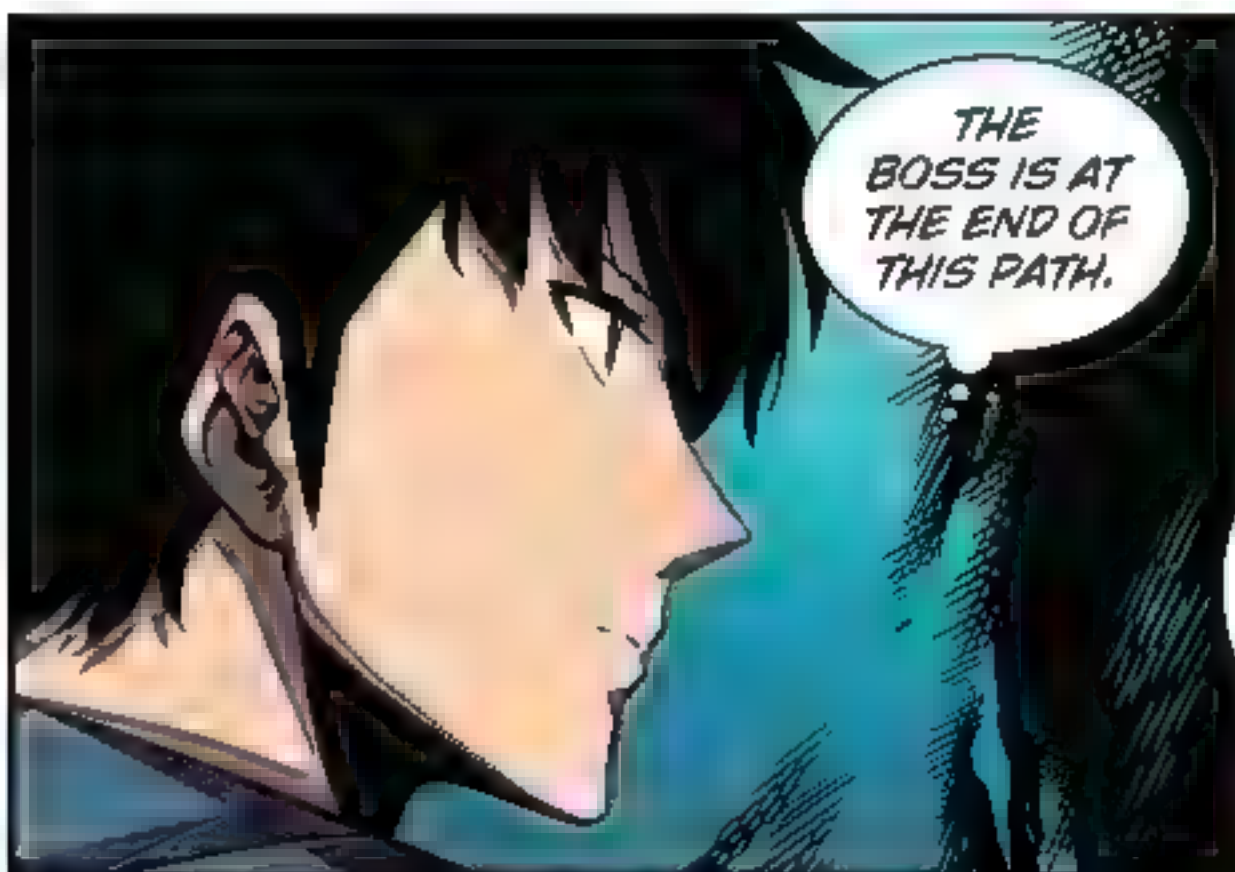


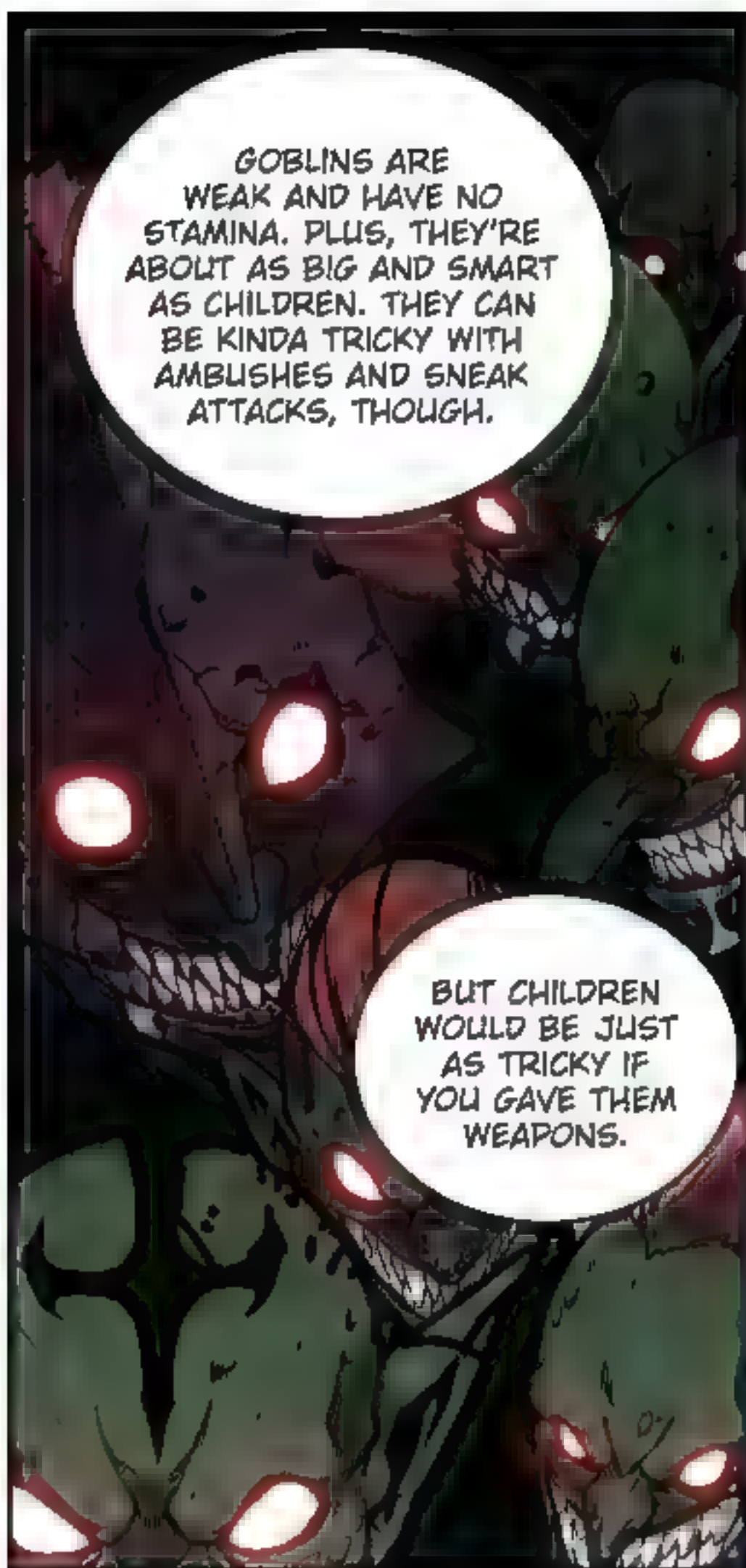
.....
LET'S DO
THAT.

I'LL TAKE THE
RIGHT PATH WITH THE
PRISONERS. LET ME
KNOW IMMEDIATELY
IF YOU LOCATE THE
BOSS'S LAIR.









GOBLINS ARE WEAK AND HAVE NO STAMINA. PLUS, THEY'RE ABOUT AS BIG AND SMART AS CHILDREN. THEY CAN BE KINDA TRICKY WITH AMBUSHES AND SNEAK ATTACKS, THOUGH.

BUT CHILDREN WOULD BE JUST AS TRICKY IF YOU GAVE THEM WEAPONS.



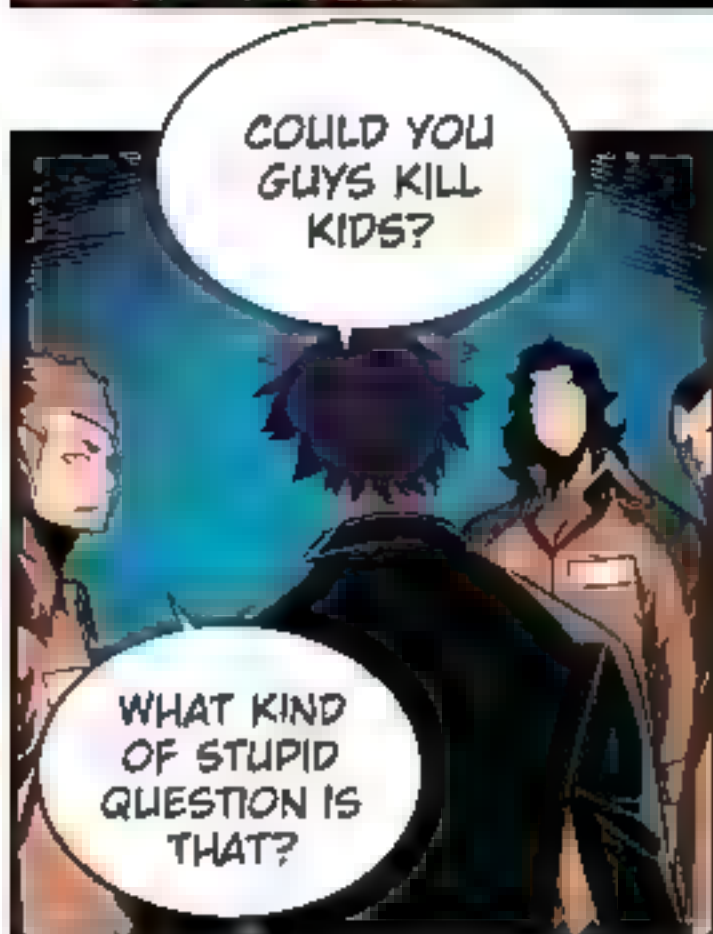
EVEN A CHILD COULD KILL SOMEONE WITH THE RIGHT TOOL.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF YOUNG SOLDIERS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD.



THERE'S NO REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND MAGIC BEASTS.

THEY'RE BOTH INSECTS.



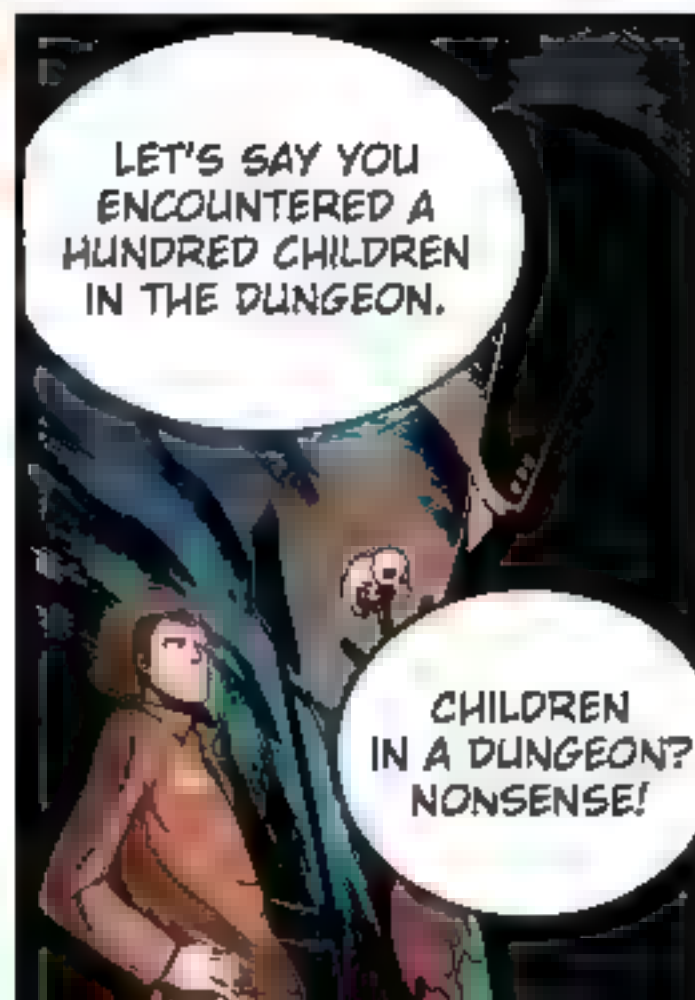
COULD YOU GUYS KILL KIDS?

WHAT KIND OF STUPID QUESTION IS THAT?



THAT'S RIGHT.

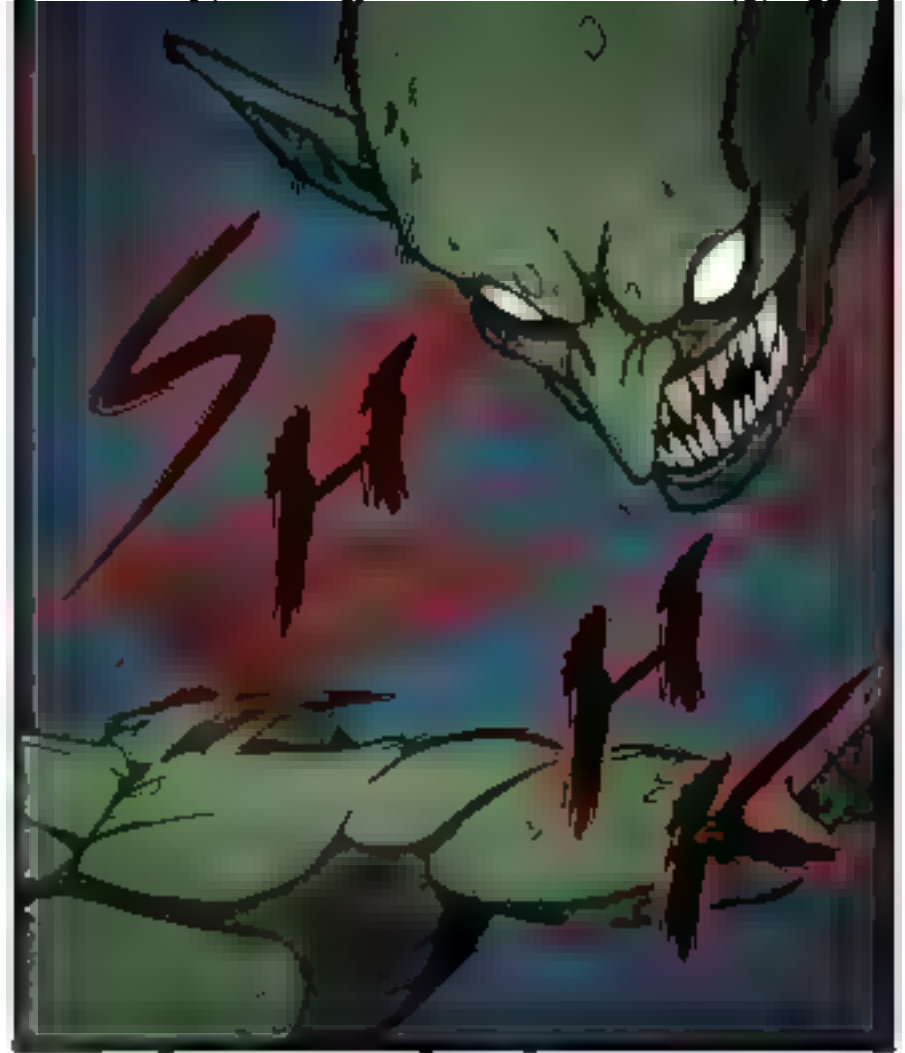
IT'S A STUPID QUESTION.



LET'S SAY YOU ENCOUNTERED A HUNDRED CHILDREN IN THE DUNGEON.

CHILDREN IN A DUNGEON? NONSENSE!





IF GOBLINS
ARE THIS
EASY, THIS IS
DOABLE.



I HOPE THE
RAID ENDS
WITHOUT ANY
INCIDENT.

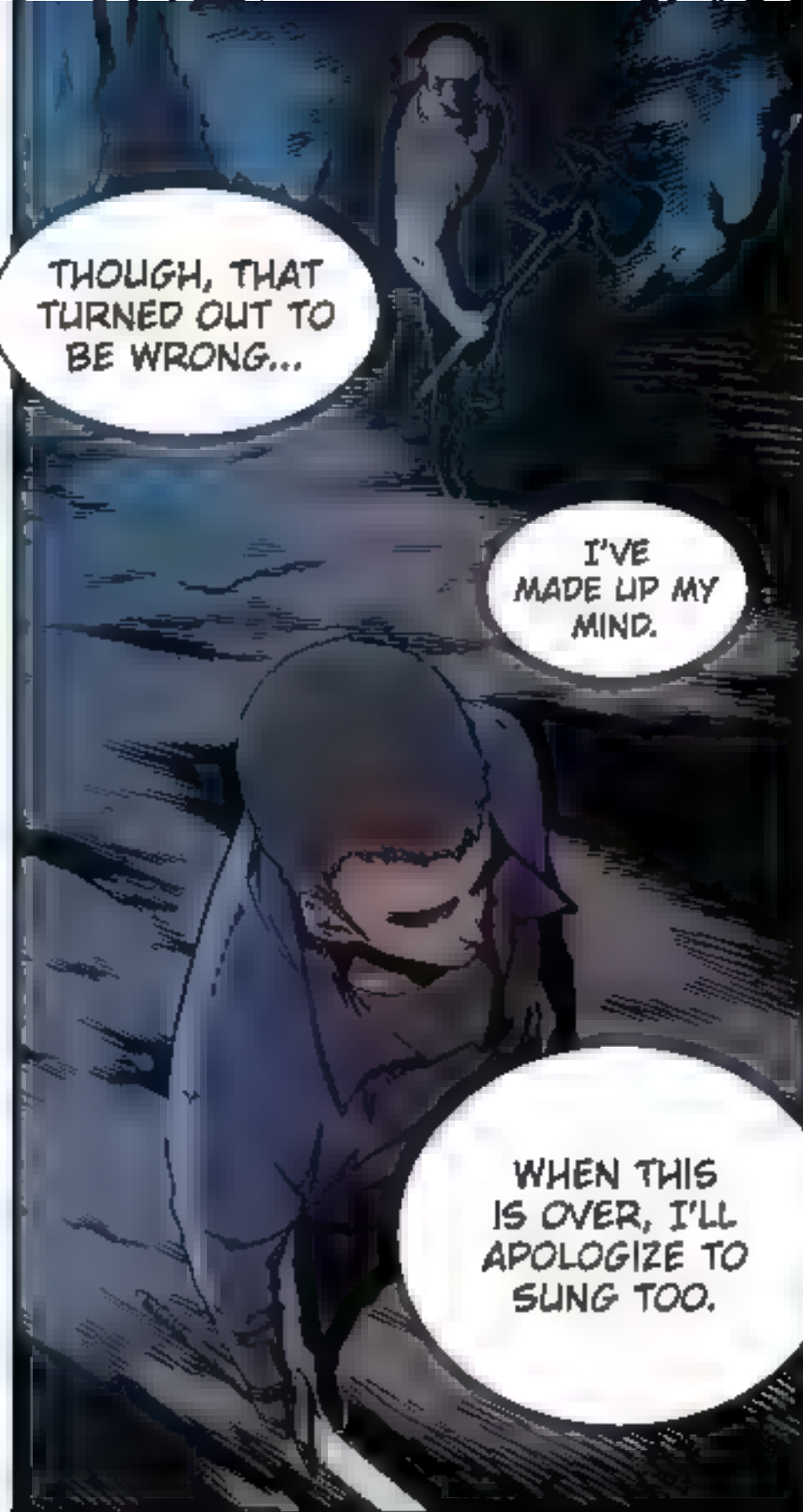


I DOUBT
THERE'LL BE ANY
PROBLEMS.

WE USED
TO SAY IF THE
WEAKEST HUNTER
WAS HERE...

...THEN
THE
DUNGEON
WAS ALSO
WEAK.

...A HUNDRED
GOBLINS.





OH BOY.

WERE
THE CHILDREN
A PROBLEM?

YOUR DEATHS
WERE SUPPOSED
TO BE SLOW AND
PAINFUL.

THIS WENT
TOO FAST, DON'T
YOU THINK?

WELL, ONE
GUY DID BEG FOR
HIS LIFE WITH
HIS GUTS IN HIS
HANDS...

TOO
BAD...

**THE
CHILDREN ARE
SCREAMING FOR
ME TO KILL YOU
OFF QUICKLY.**

SOME-
ONE...

HELP
ME...



WHAT?

WHERE
DID YOU COME
FROM?



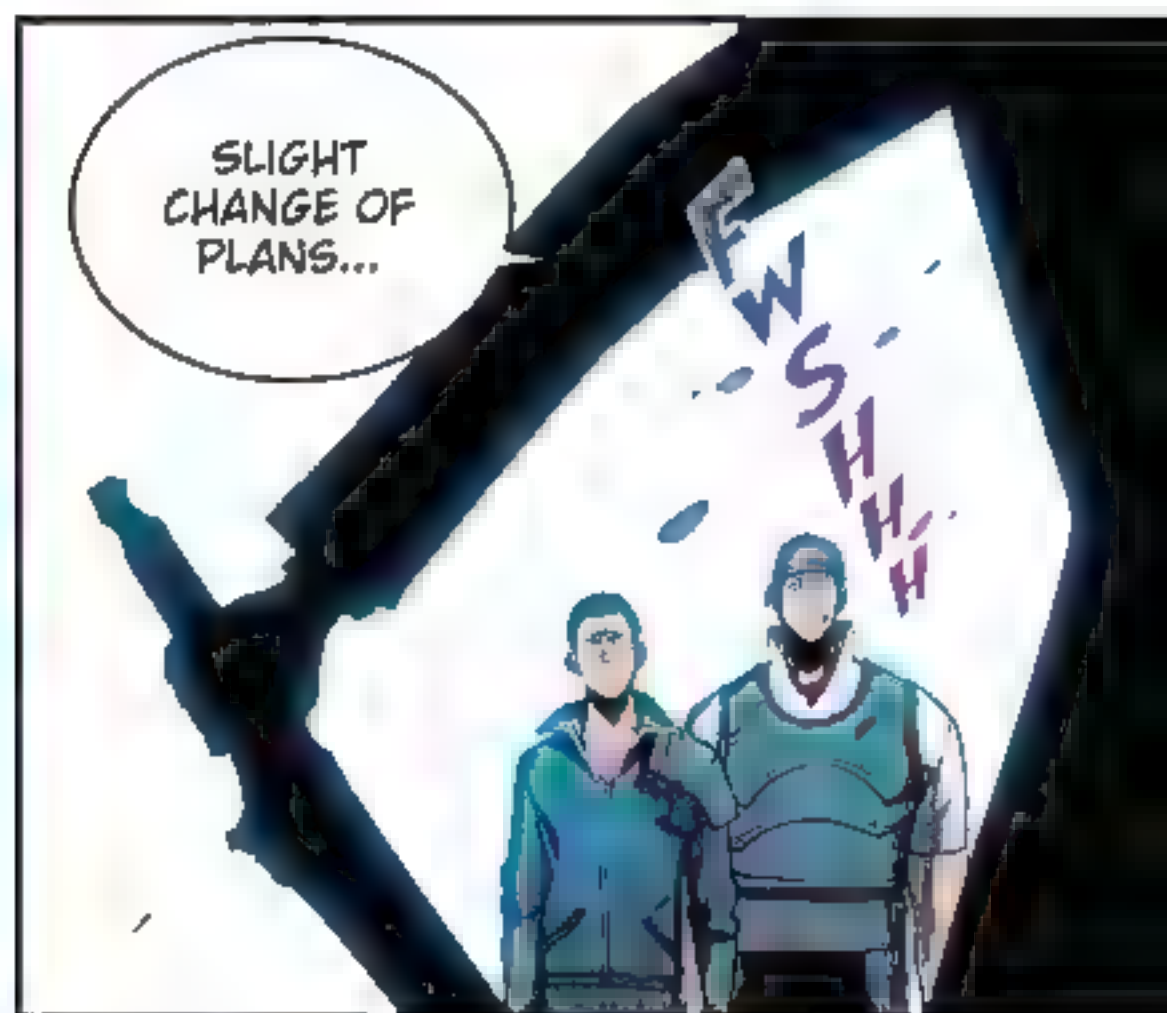
AH, I SEE.
THE PATHS ARE
CONNECTED.

TALK



THAT MEANS
THE LEFT ONE
LEADS TO THE
BOSS'S LAIR.

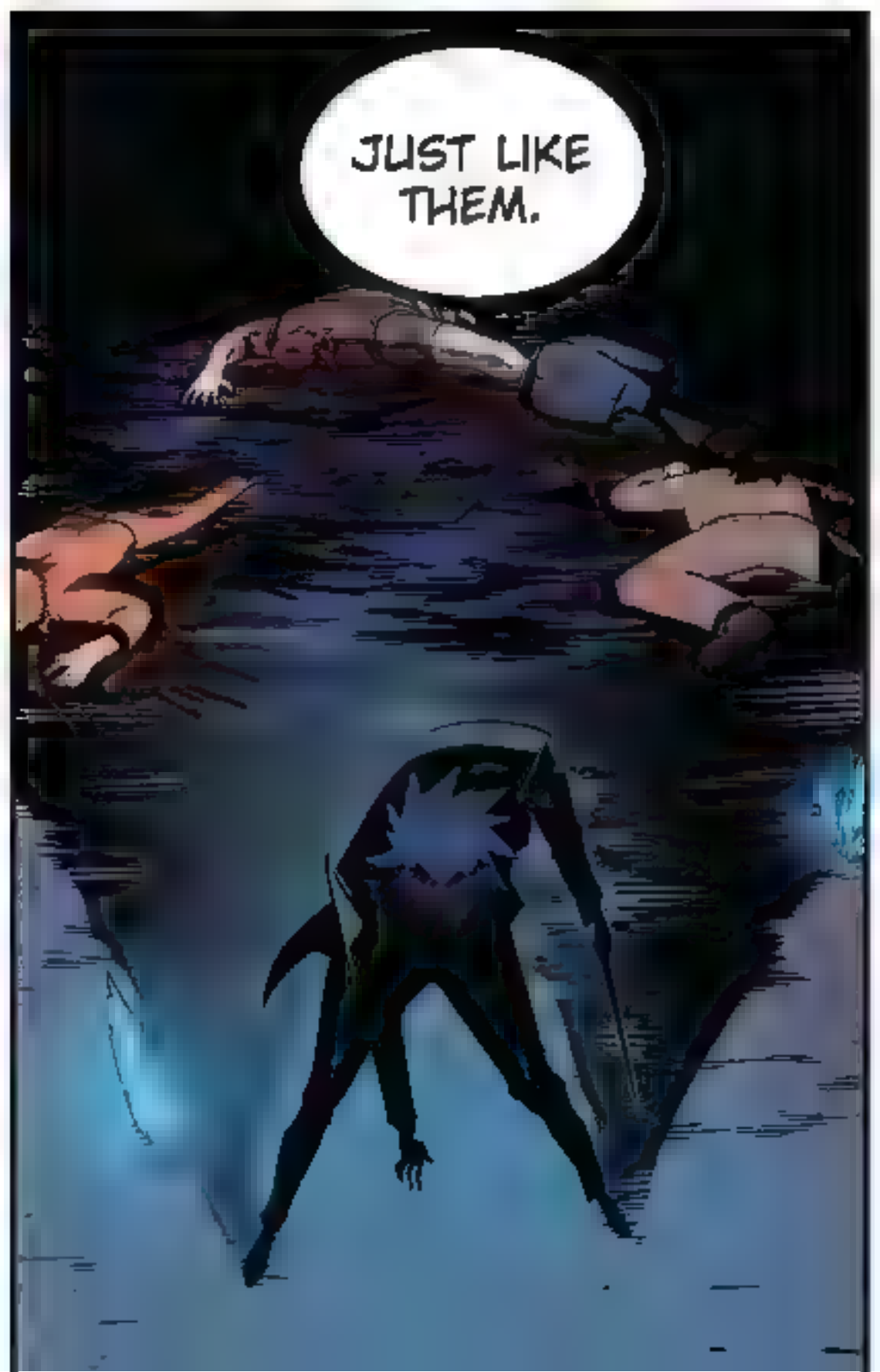
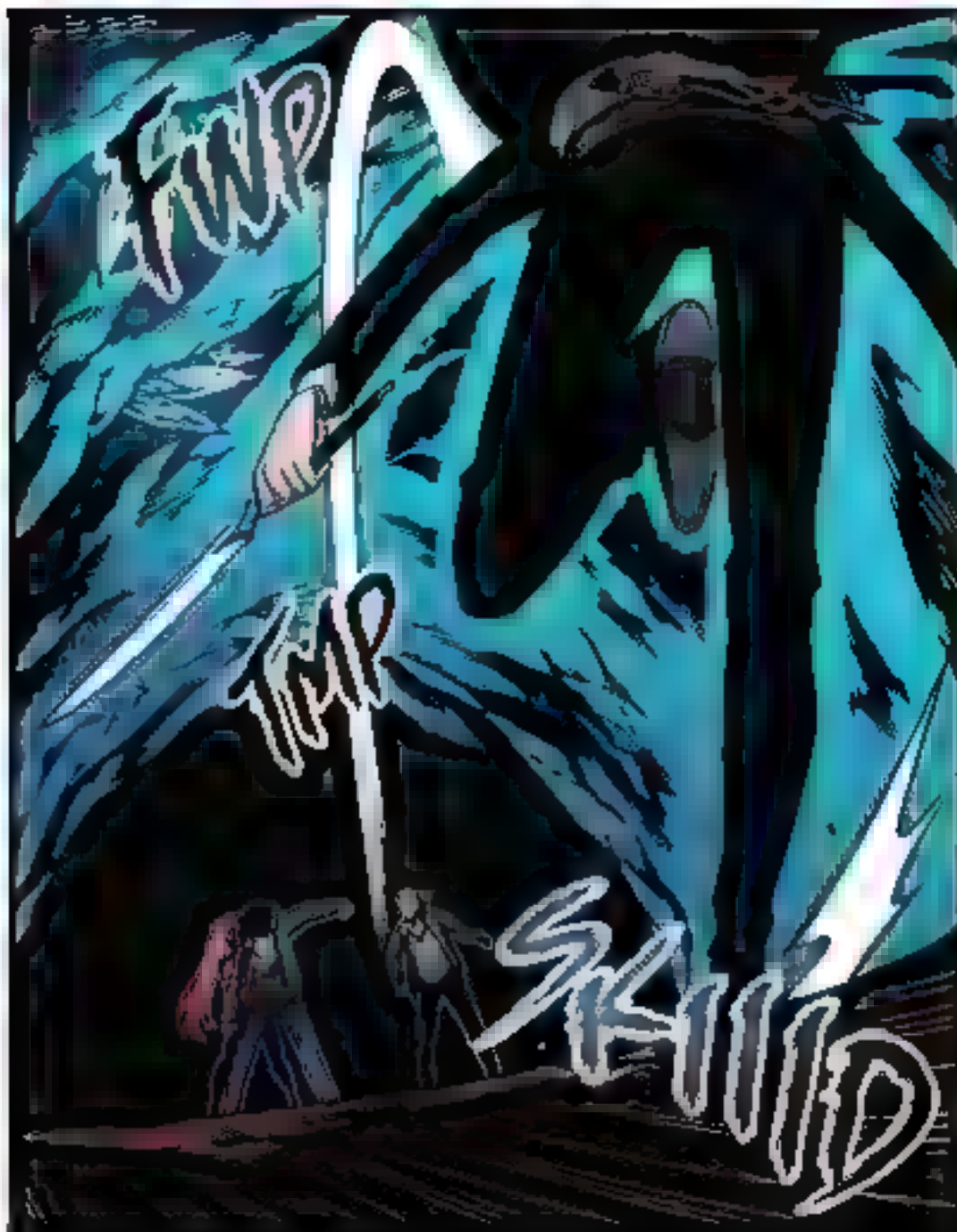
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FOR THE
DIRECTIONS.

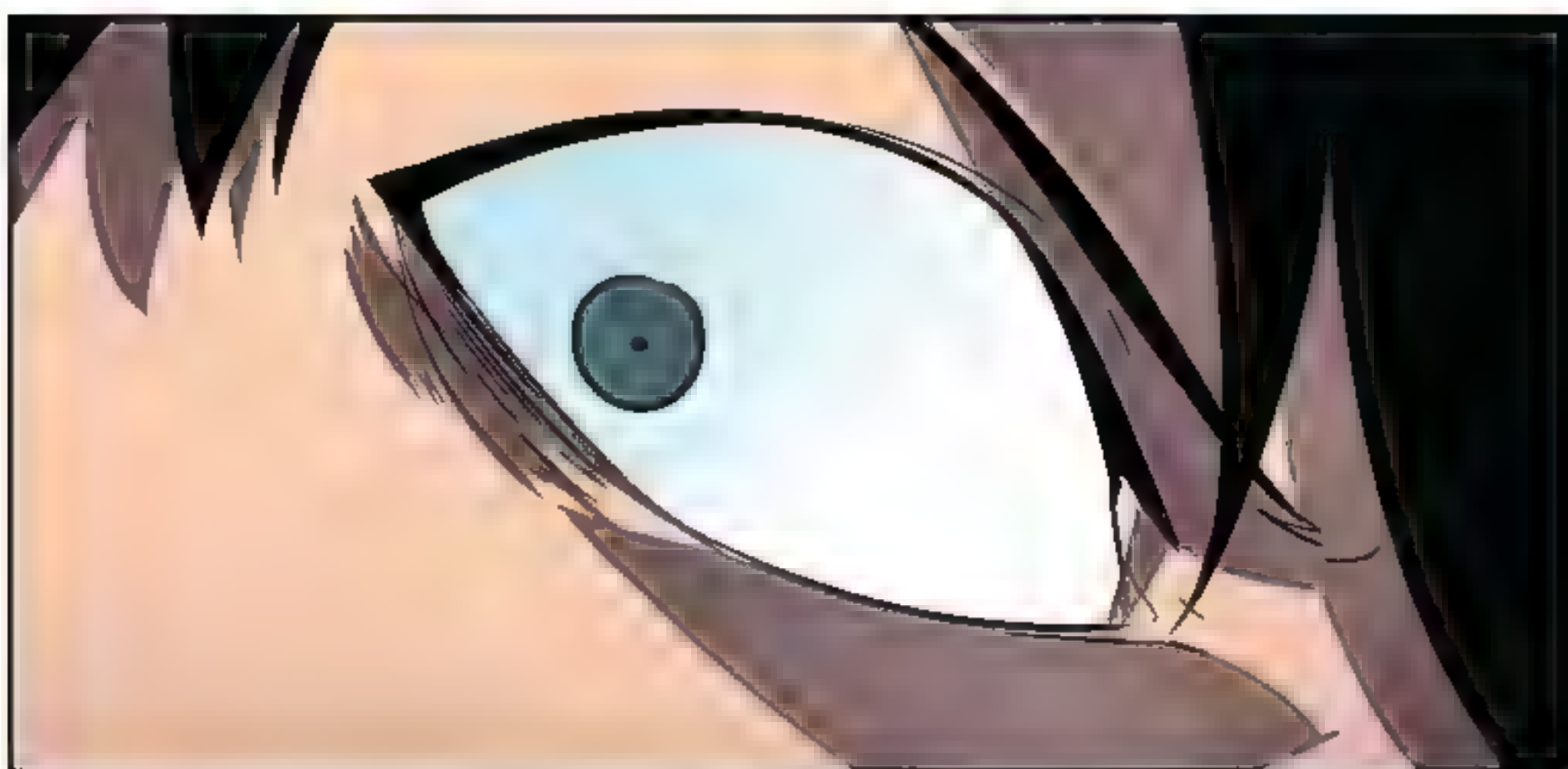


SLIGHT
CHANGE OF
PLANS...

FW
SHHH







THINK ABOUT ME,
WORRYING ABOUT YOU
ALL THE TIME!

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IT'S BETTER
THAN WORKING IN
CONSTRUCTION.

PLUS, I'M
A LOW-RANK, AND
THEY DON'T SEND
US TO DANGEROUS
DUNGEONS.

.....

FINE.

BUT OUR KIDS
WILL BE GOING TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN NEXT
YEAR...

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
ANYTHING.

IT'S OKAY.
I KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL.

THANK YOU
FOR WORKING
SO HARD.

SURE.
I LOVE YOU.

DAD.

HMM?

WHY DID
YOU BECOME A
HUNTER?

HA-HA.
WHY DO YOU ASK,
KIDDO?

MY FRIENDS
THINK IT'S
COOL YOU'RE A
HUNTER.

SO, ARE YOU
STRONGER THAN
OTHER DADS?

OF COURSE!
I BEAT UP MAGIC
BEASTS!

WHOA,
YOU'RE SO
STRONG!

I SURE
AM!

ONE IN A
THOUSAND ARE
AWAKENED BEINGS.
ONE IN FIVE THOUSAND
ARE D-RANK OR
HIGHER.

SO MANY
LIVES DEPEND ON US
HUNTERS.

ONE IN FIVE
THOUSAND.

I'M NOT ONLY A
HUNTER, BUT...

...A HUSBAND
AND FATHER.

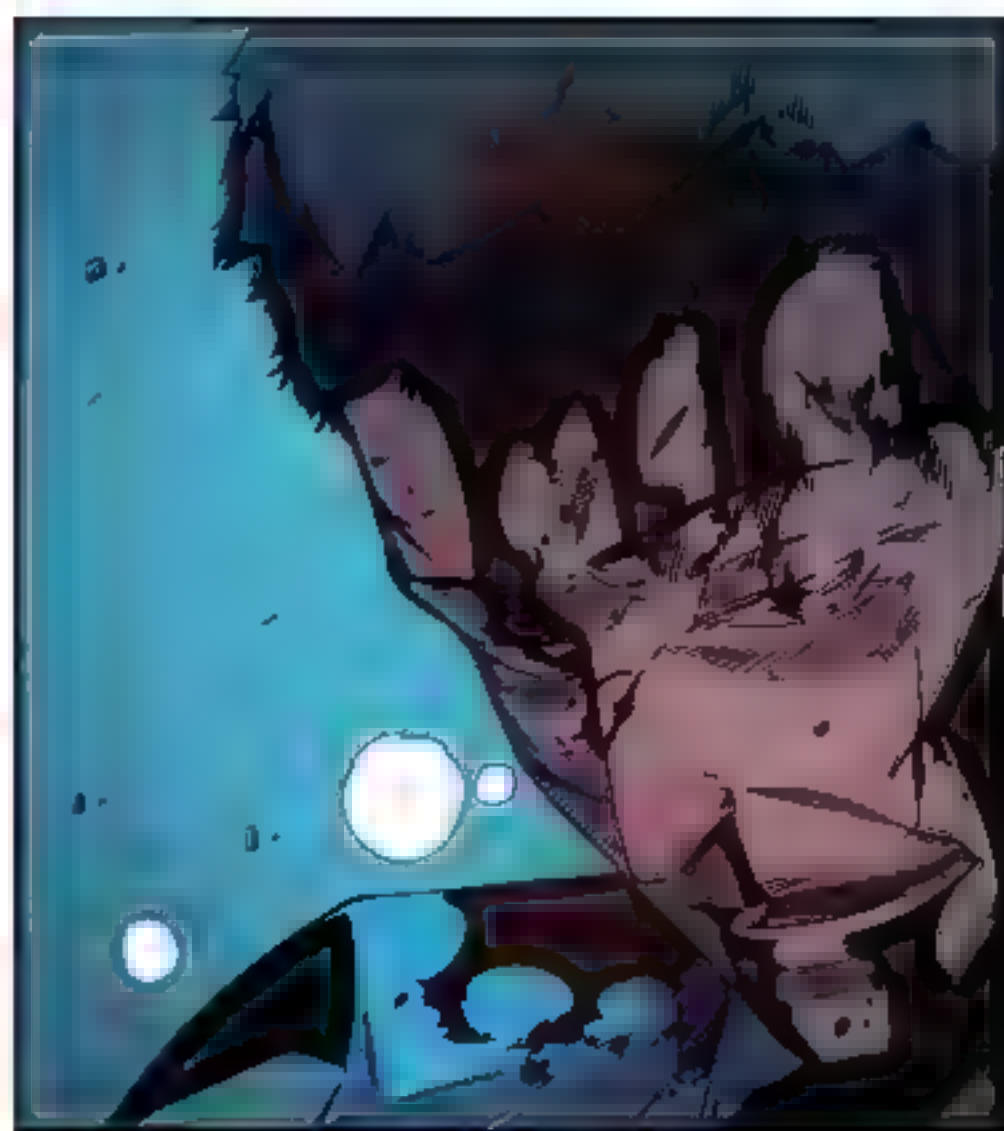
SO...

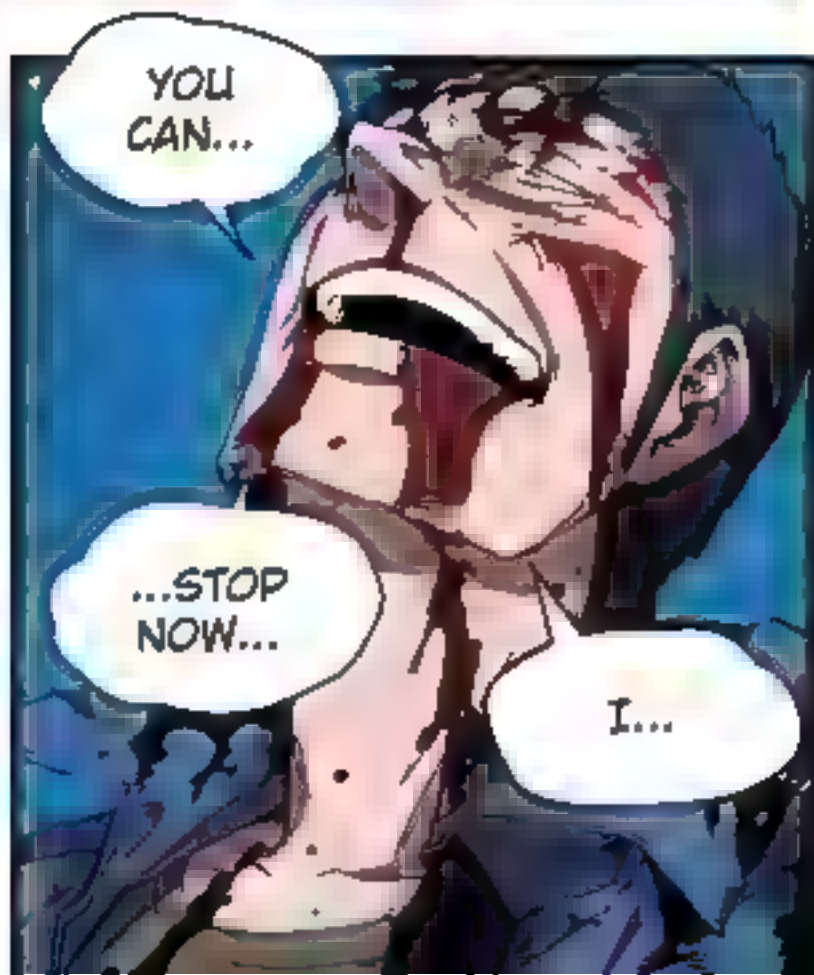
...I CAN'T DIE
TODAY.

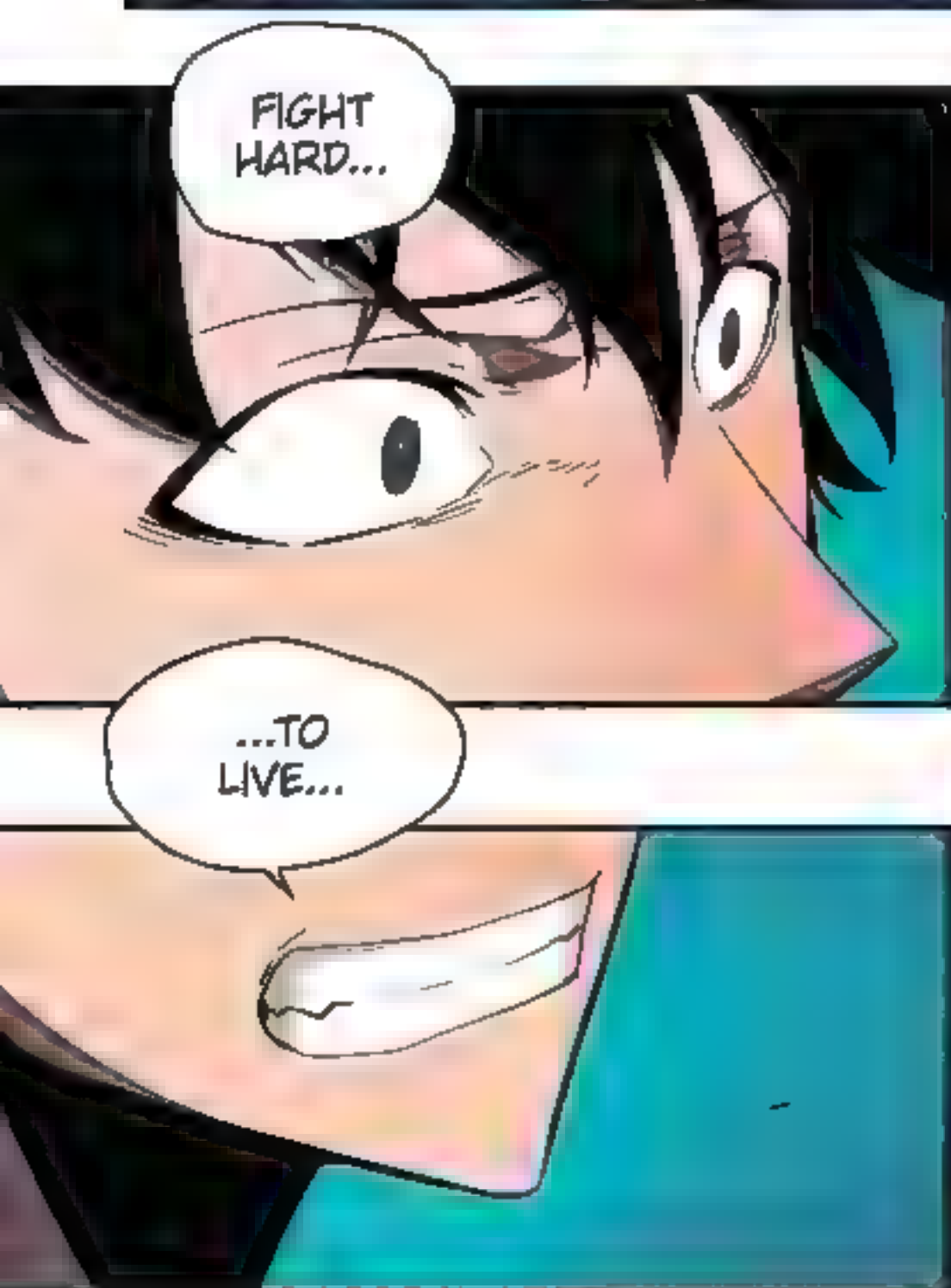
OR TOMORROW
EITHER...

I CAN'T...

I CAN'T DIE.





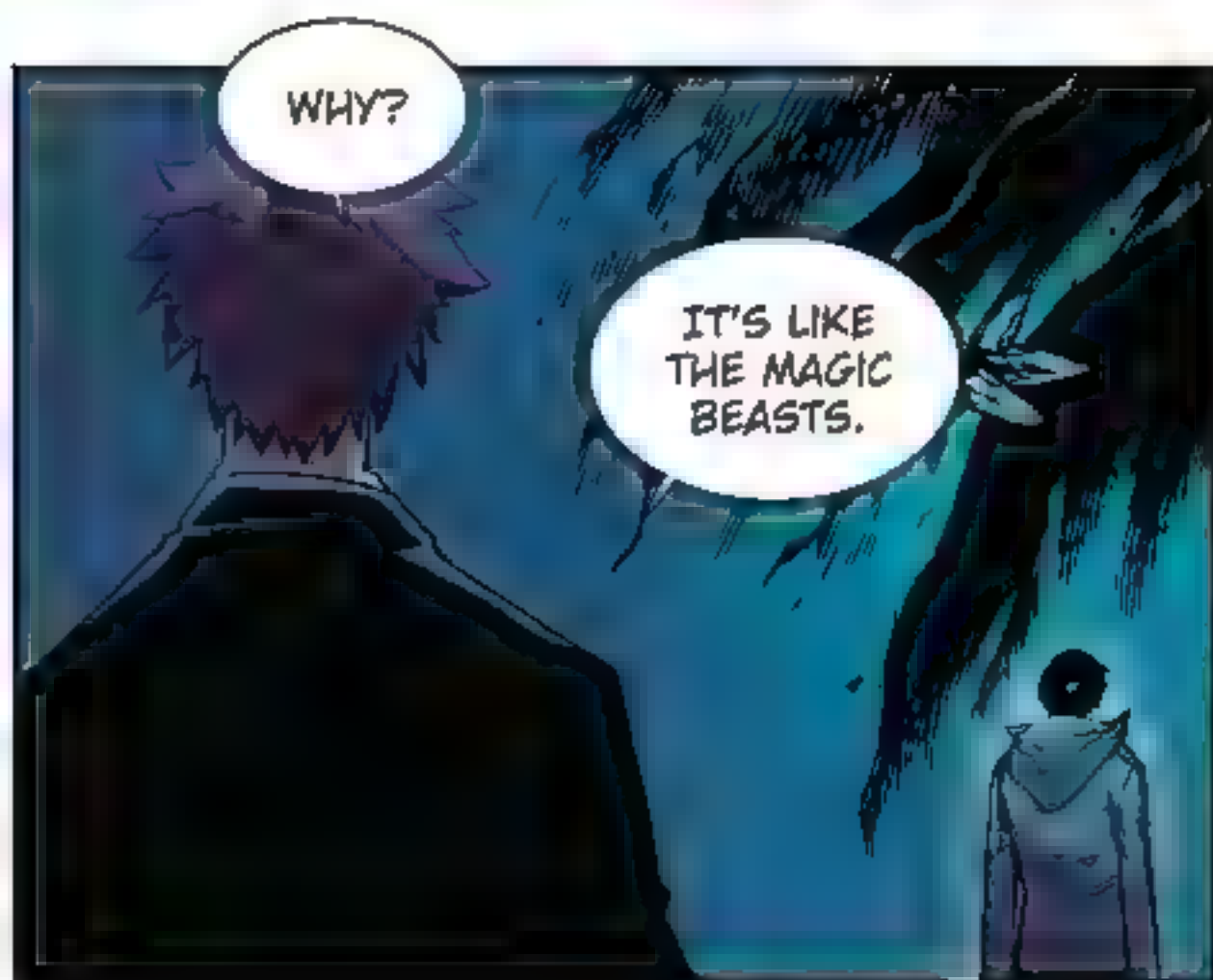
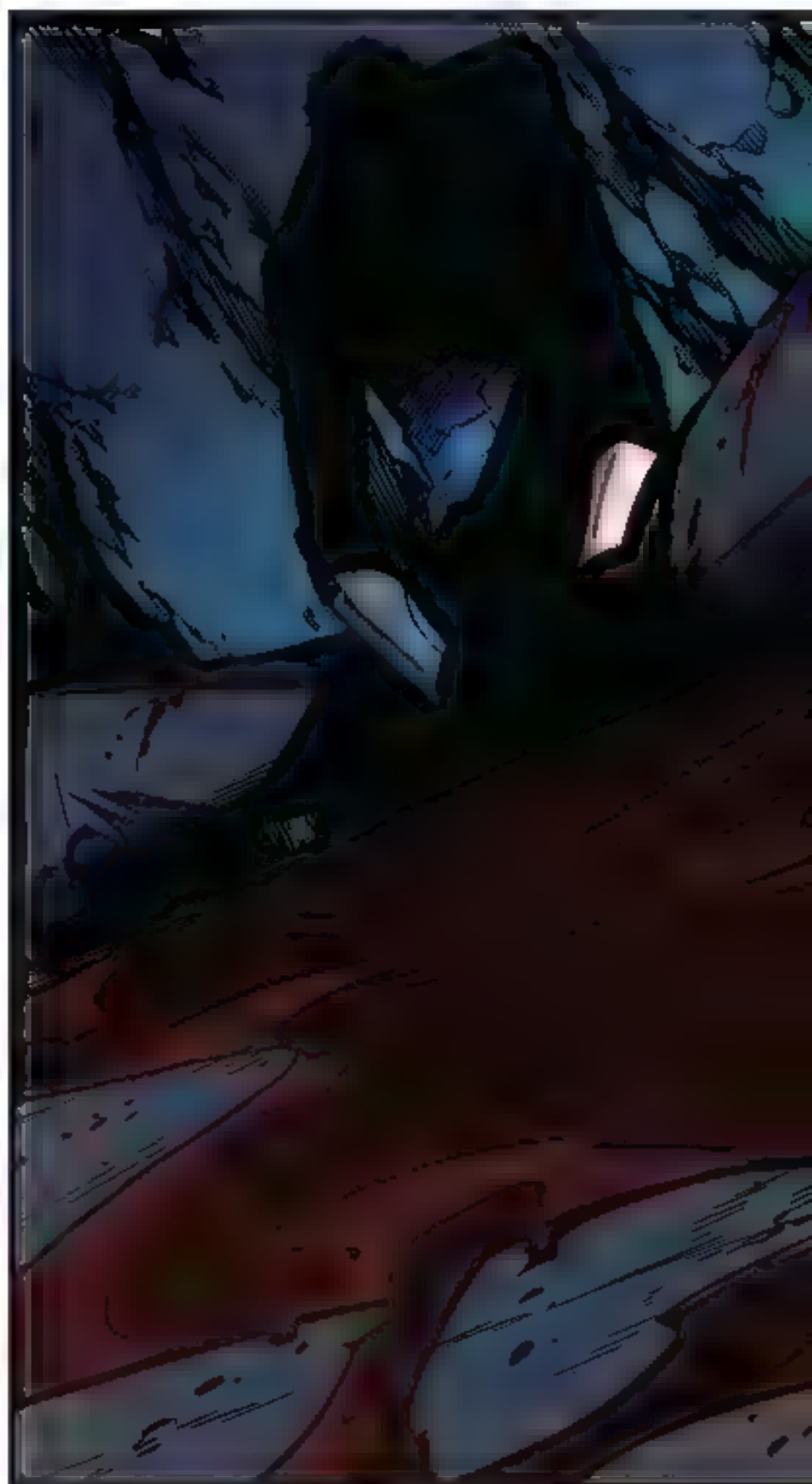
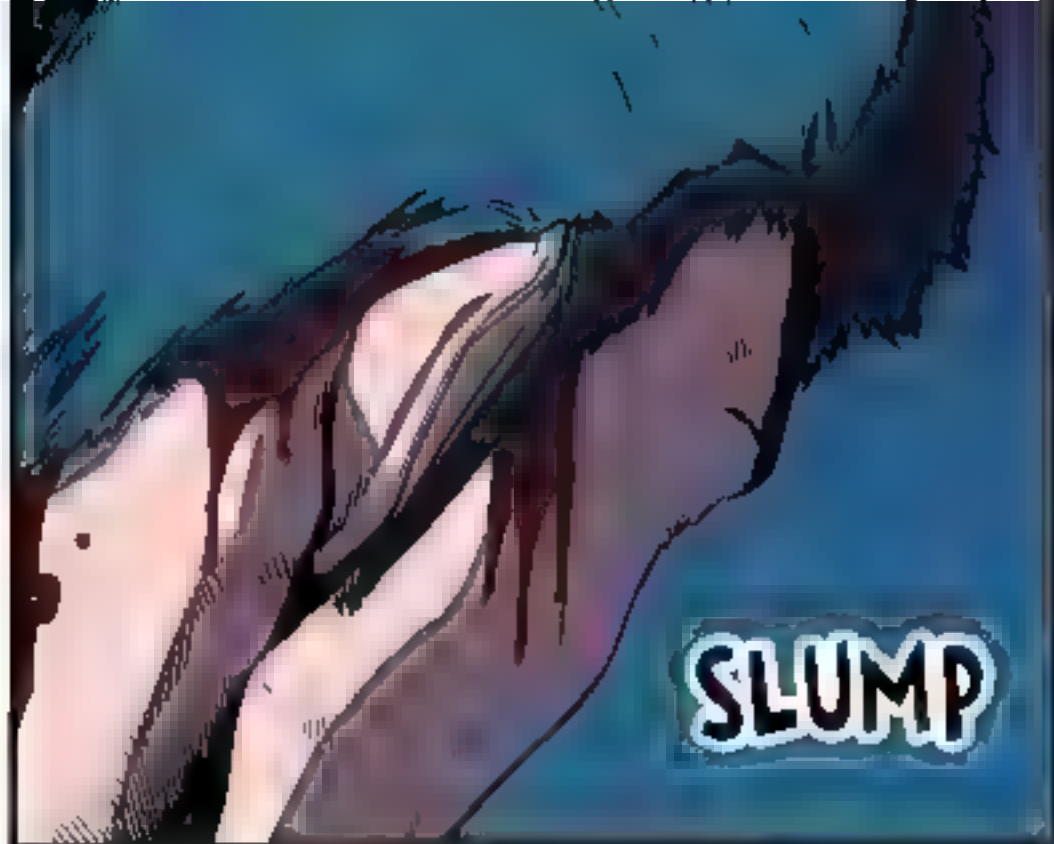


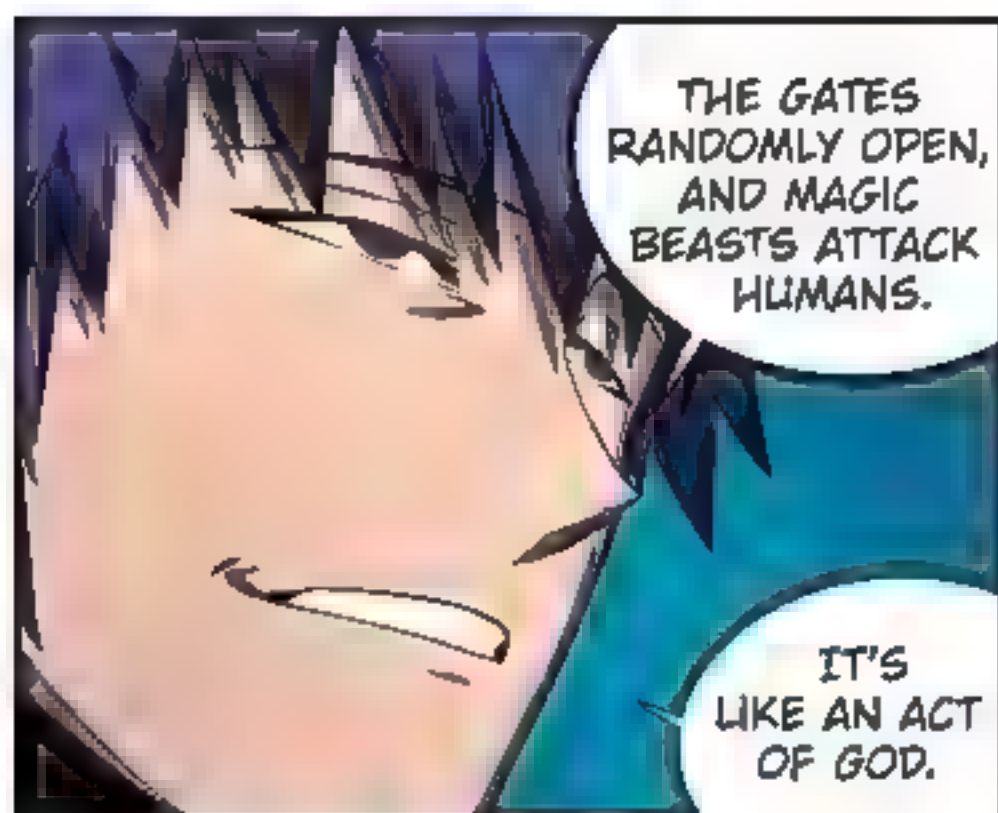


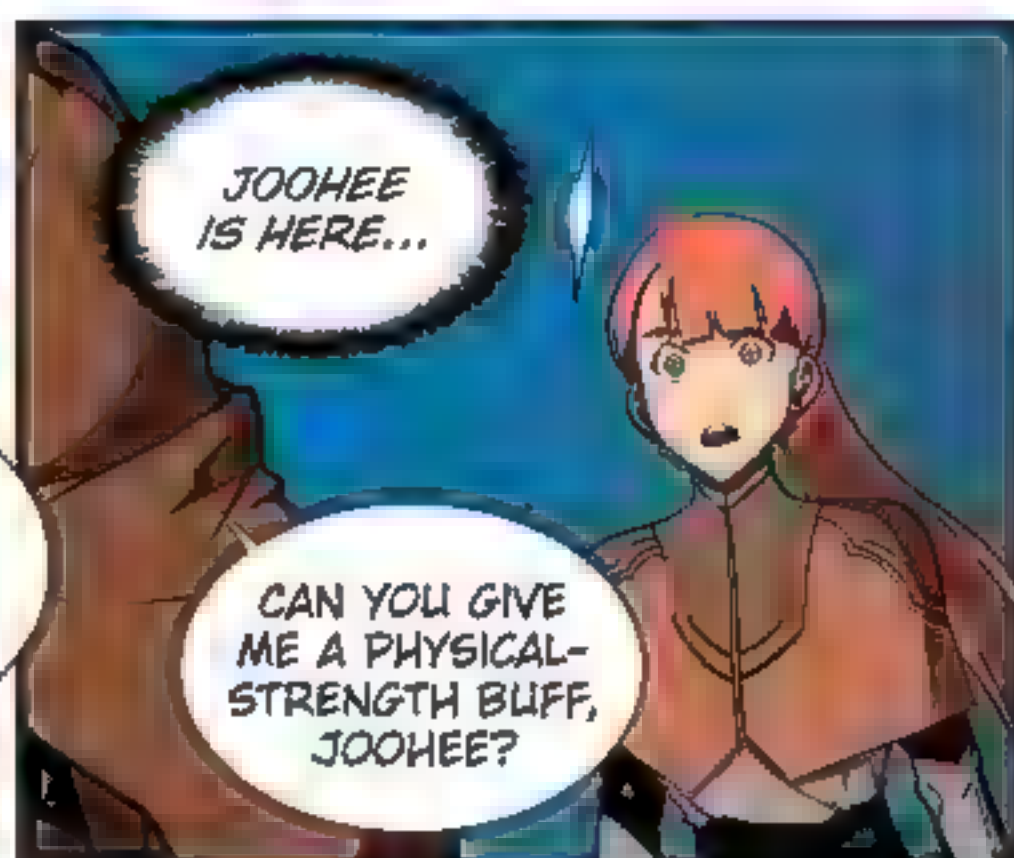
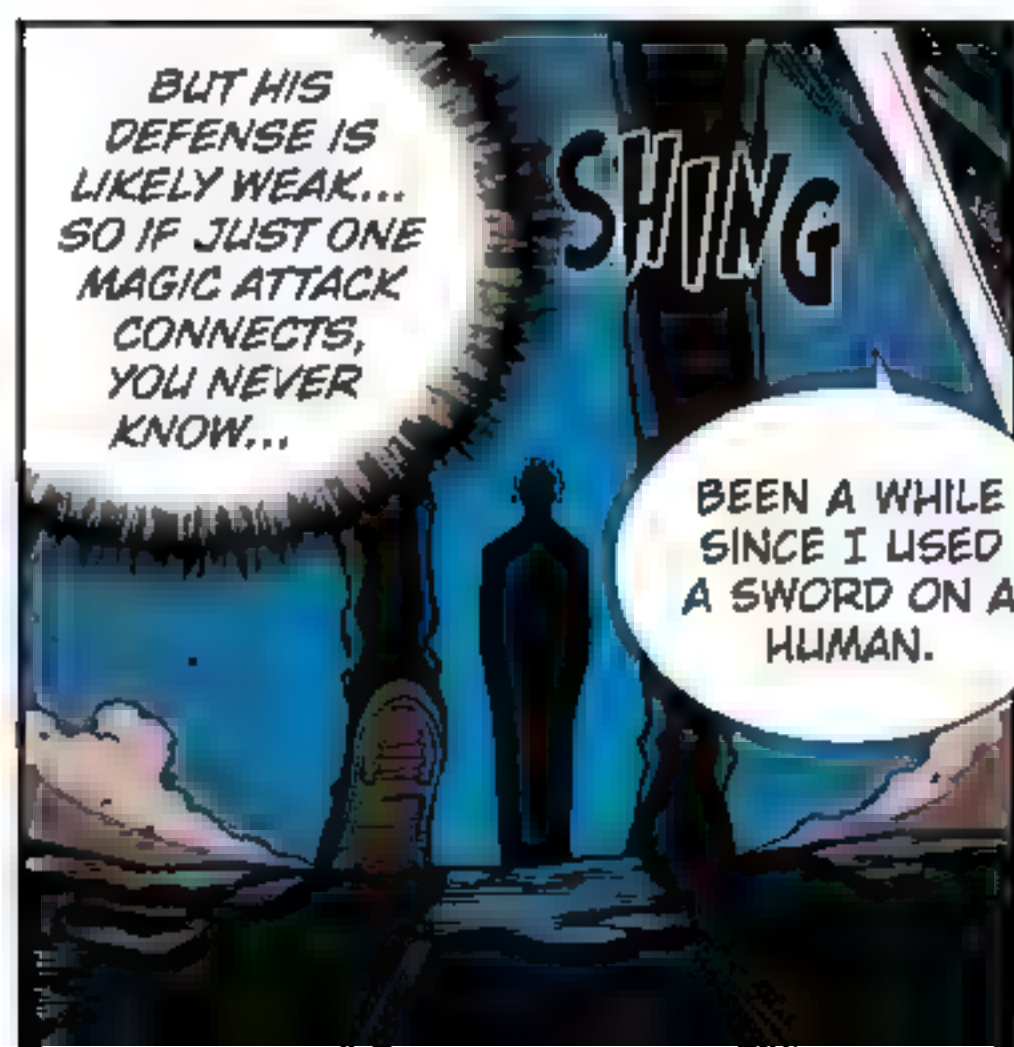
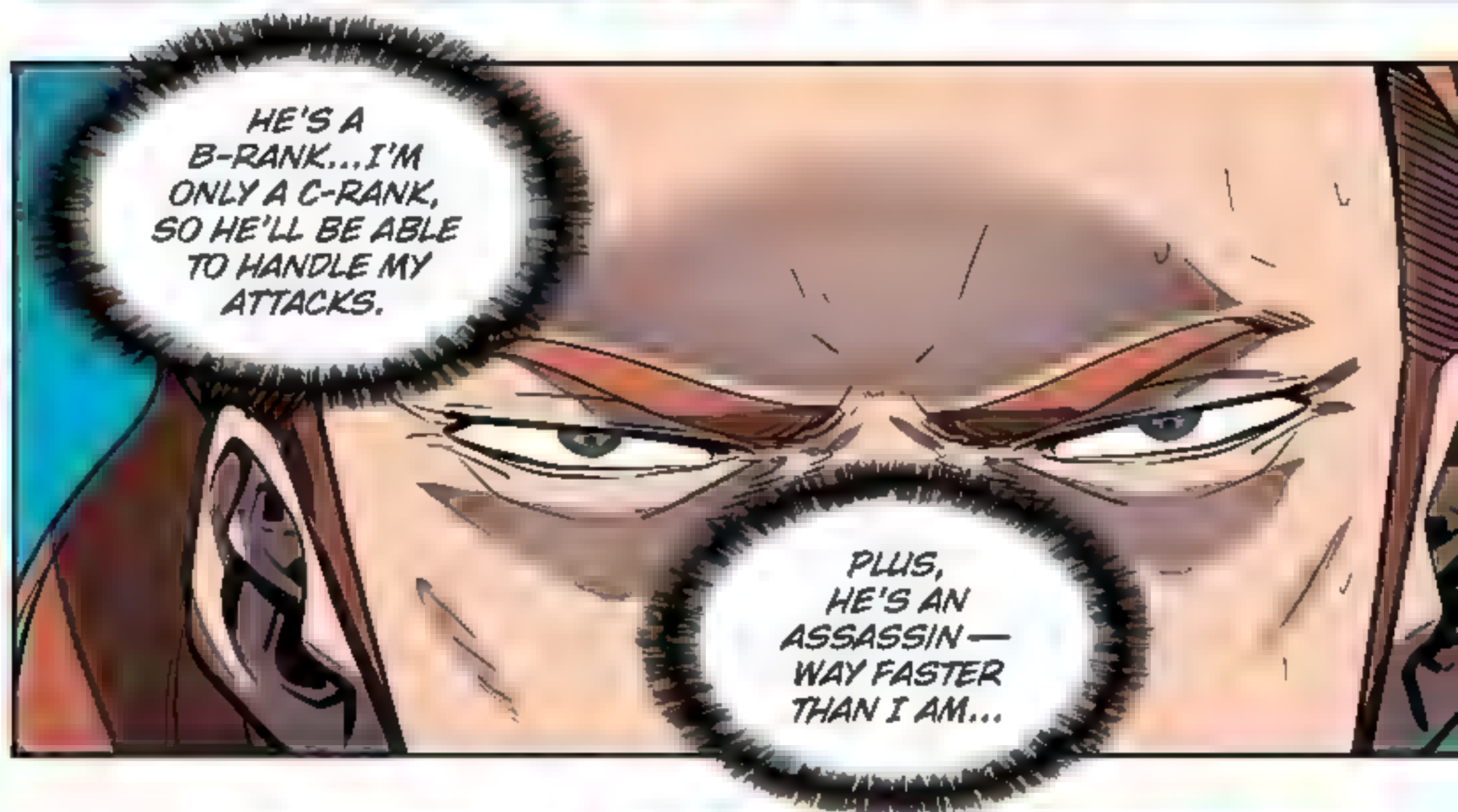


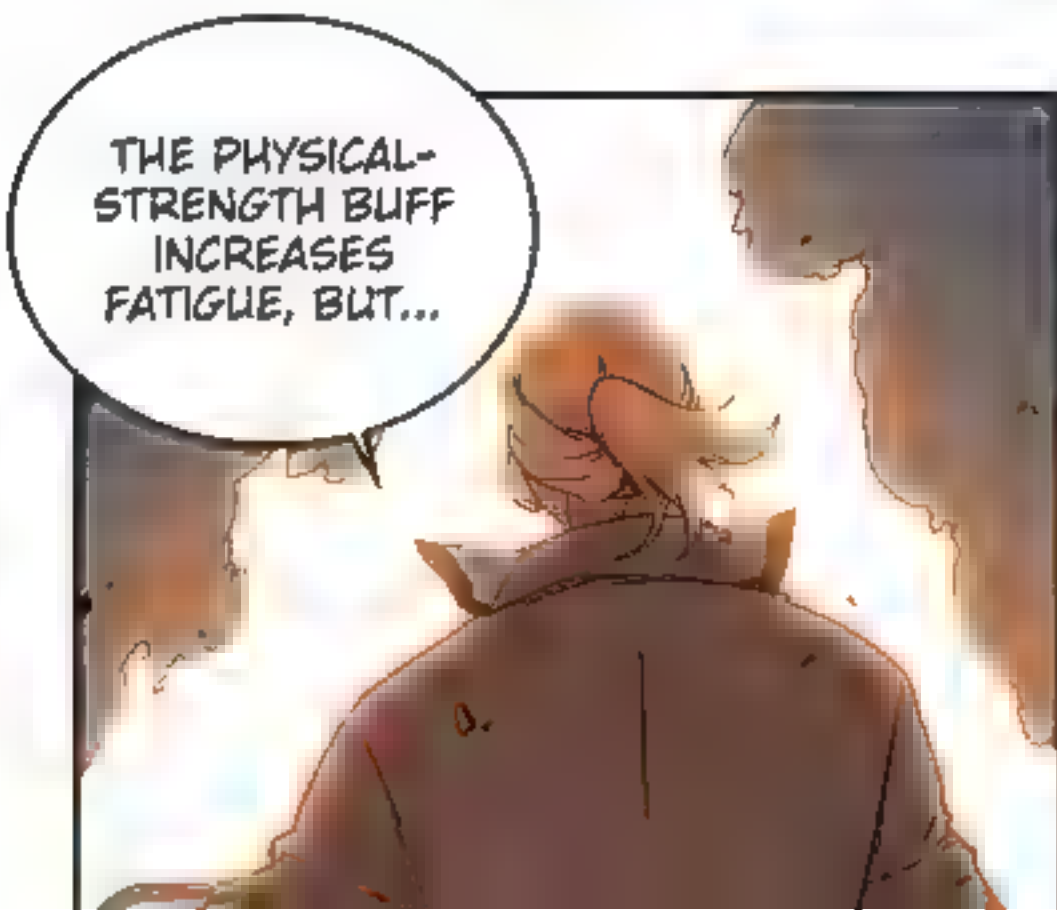
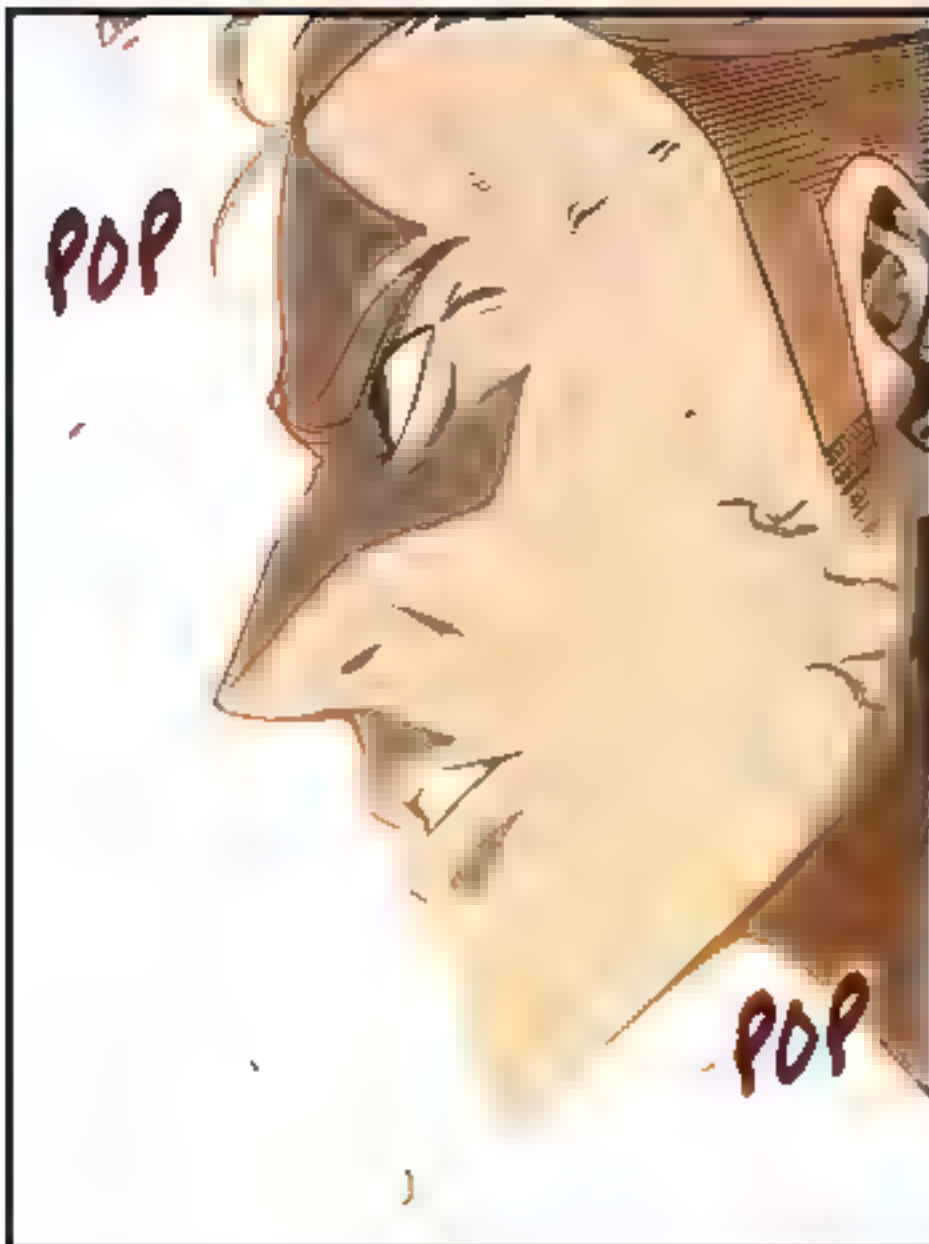
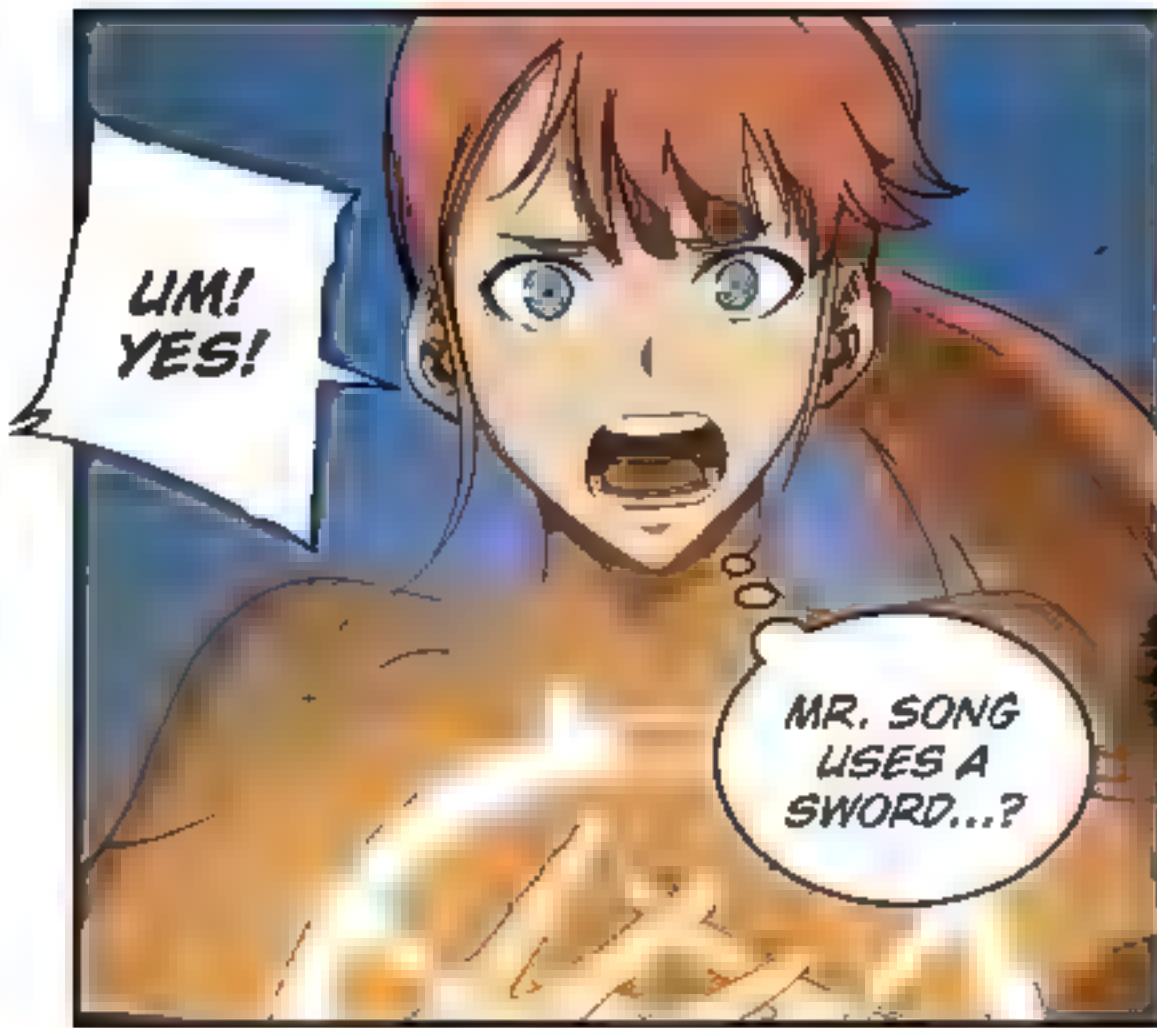
I'M SORRY...
SLING.

I REALLY
MEAN IT.





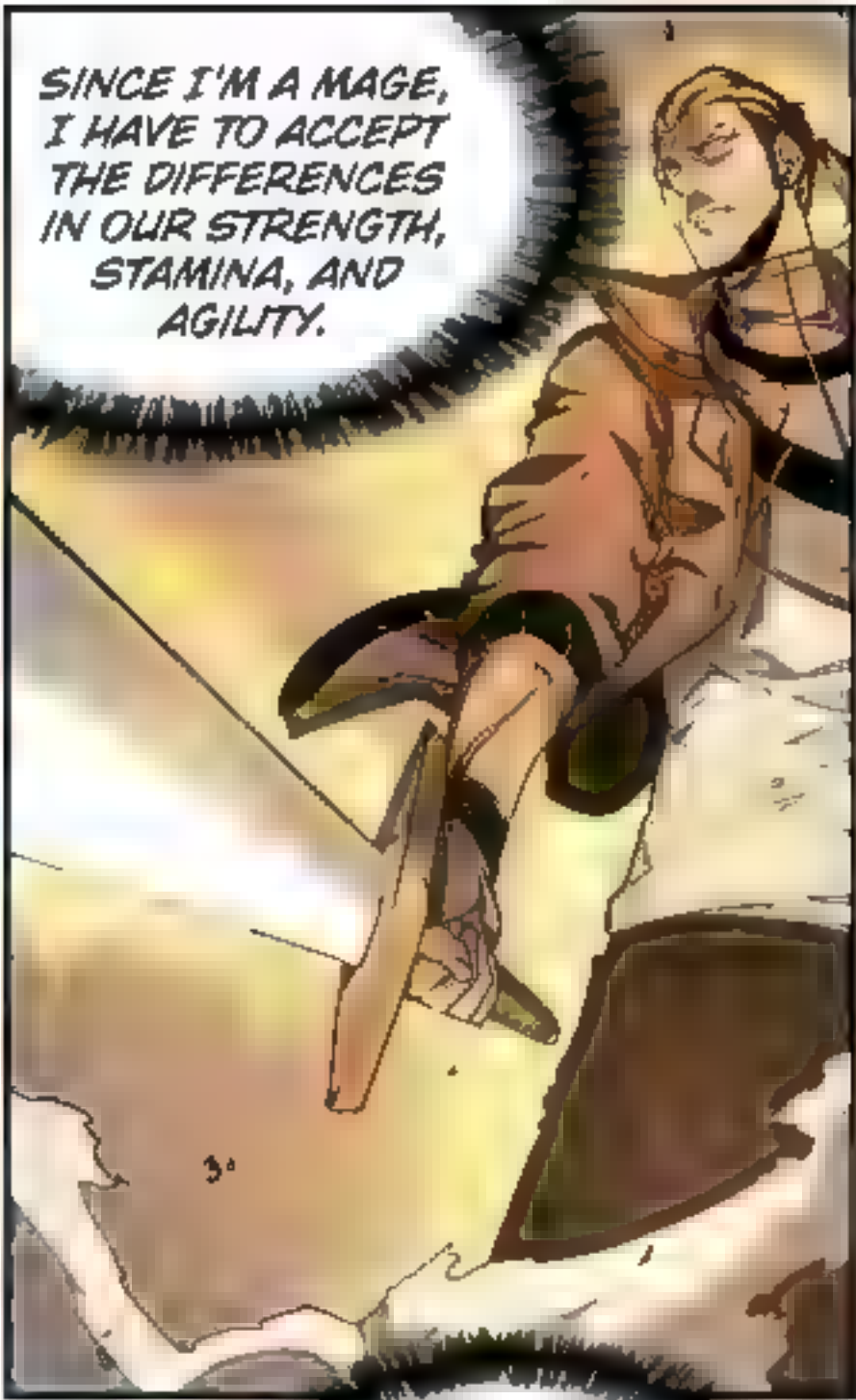




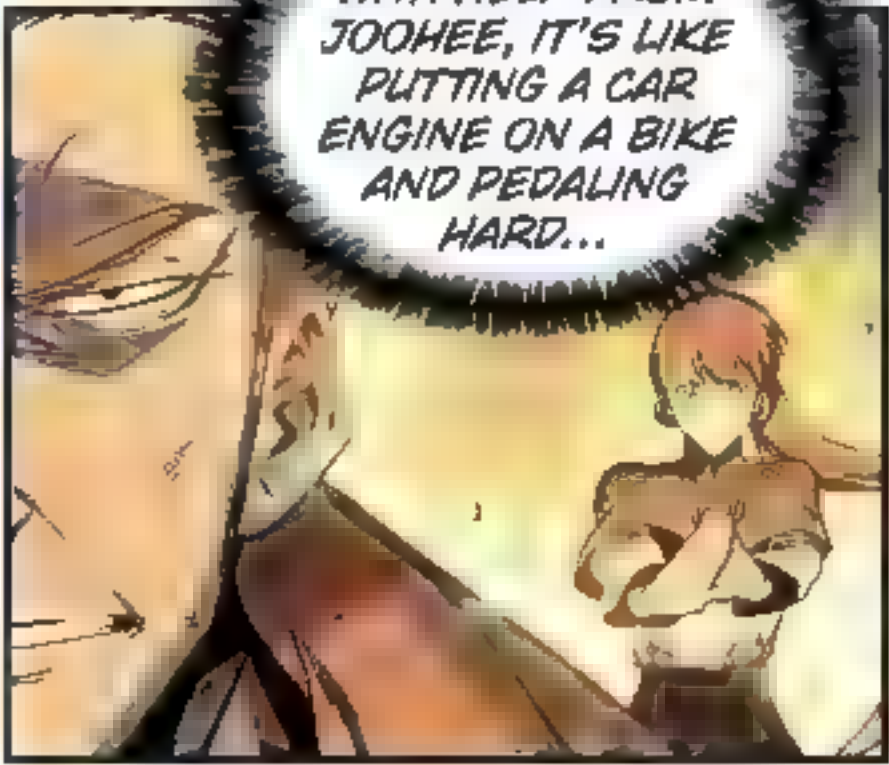


LET'S DO THIS!!

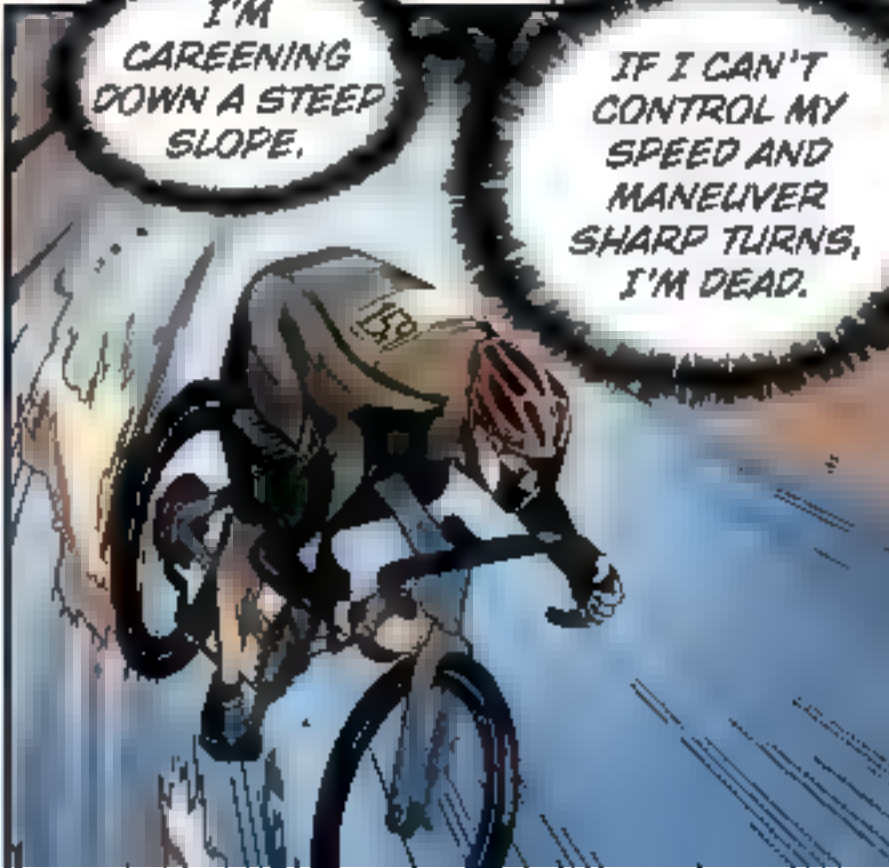
...I'M A
SWORDSMAN!



SINCE I'M A MAGE,
I HAVE TO ACCEPT
THE DIFFERENCES
IN OUR STRENGTH,
STAMINA, AND
AGILITY.

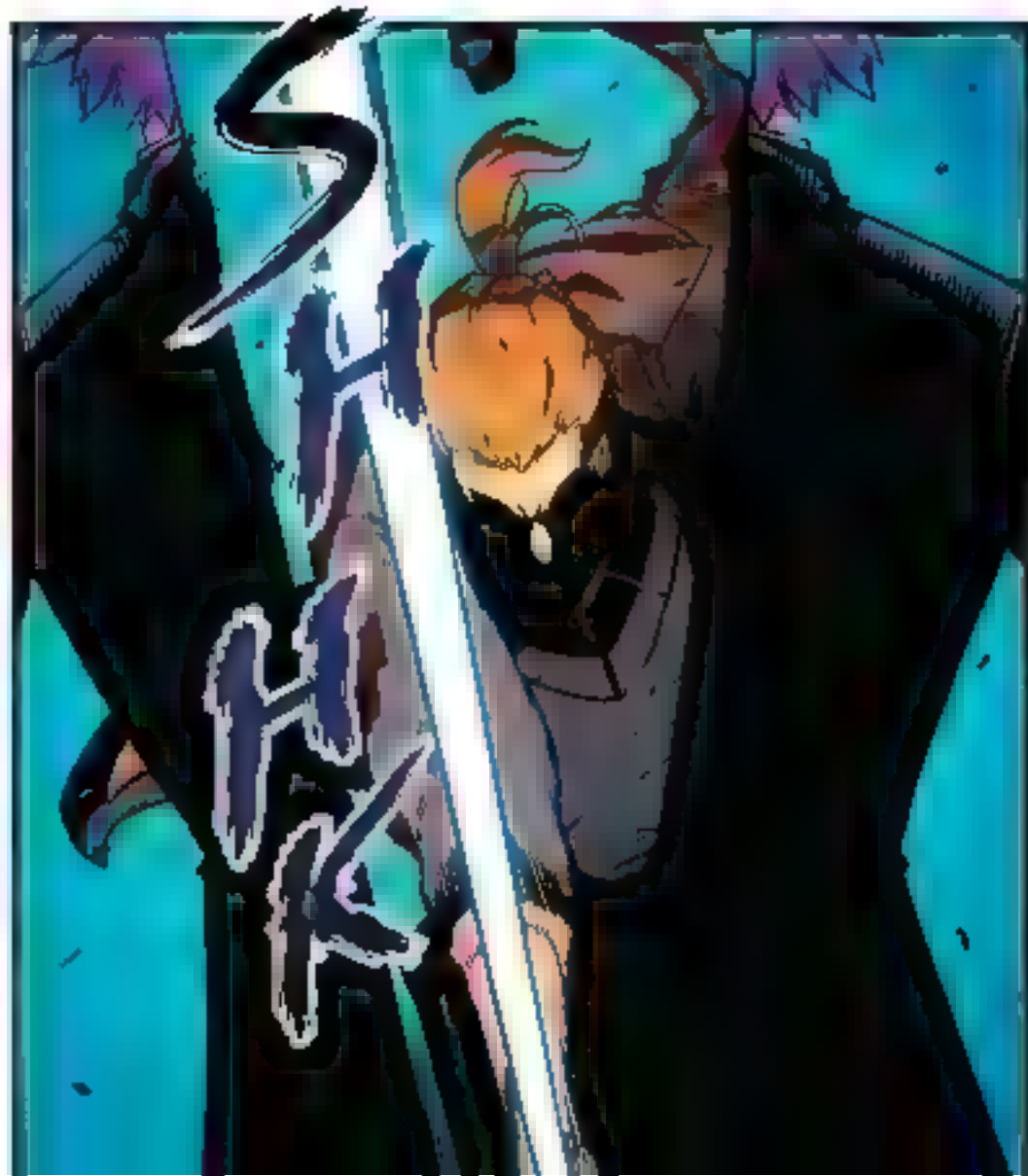
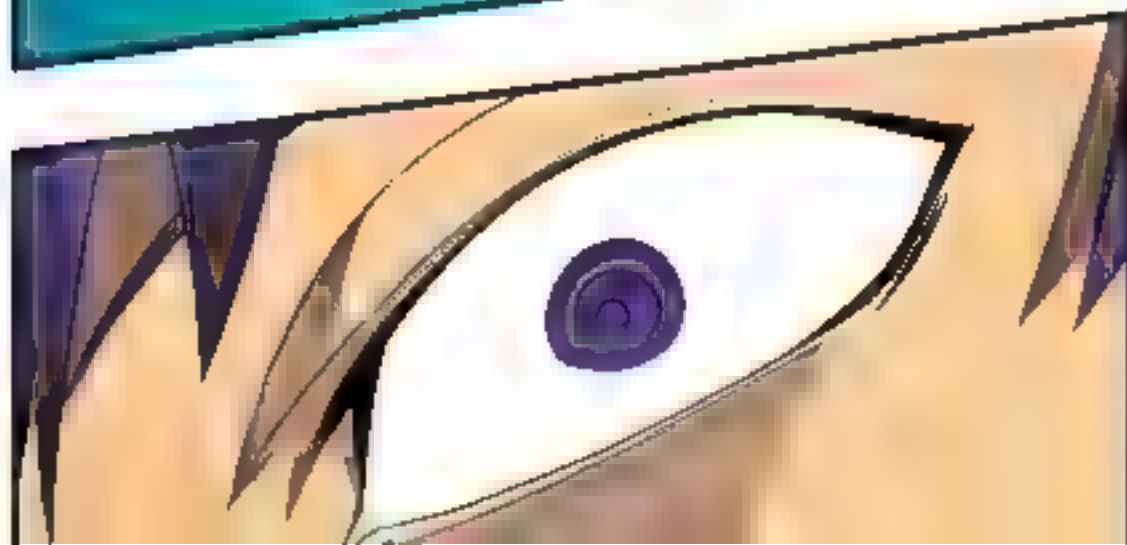
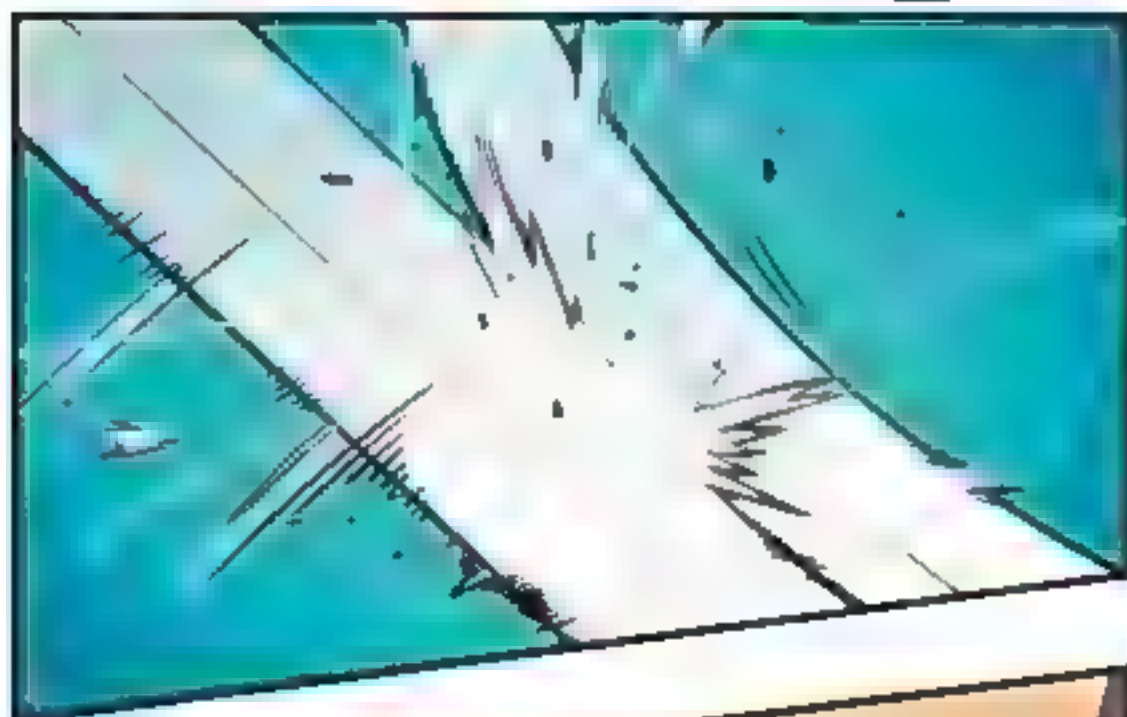
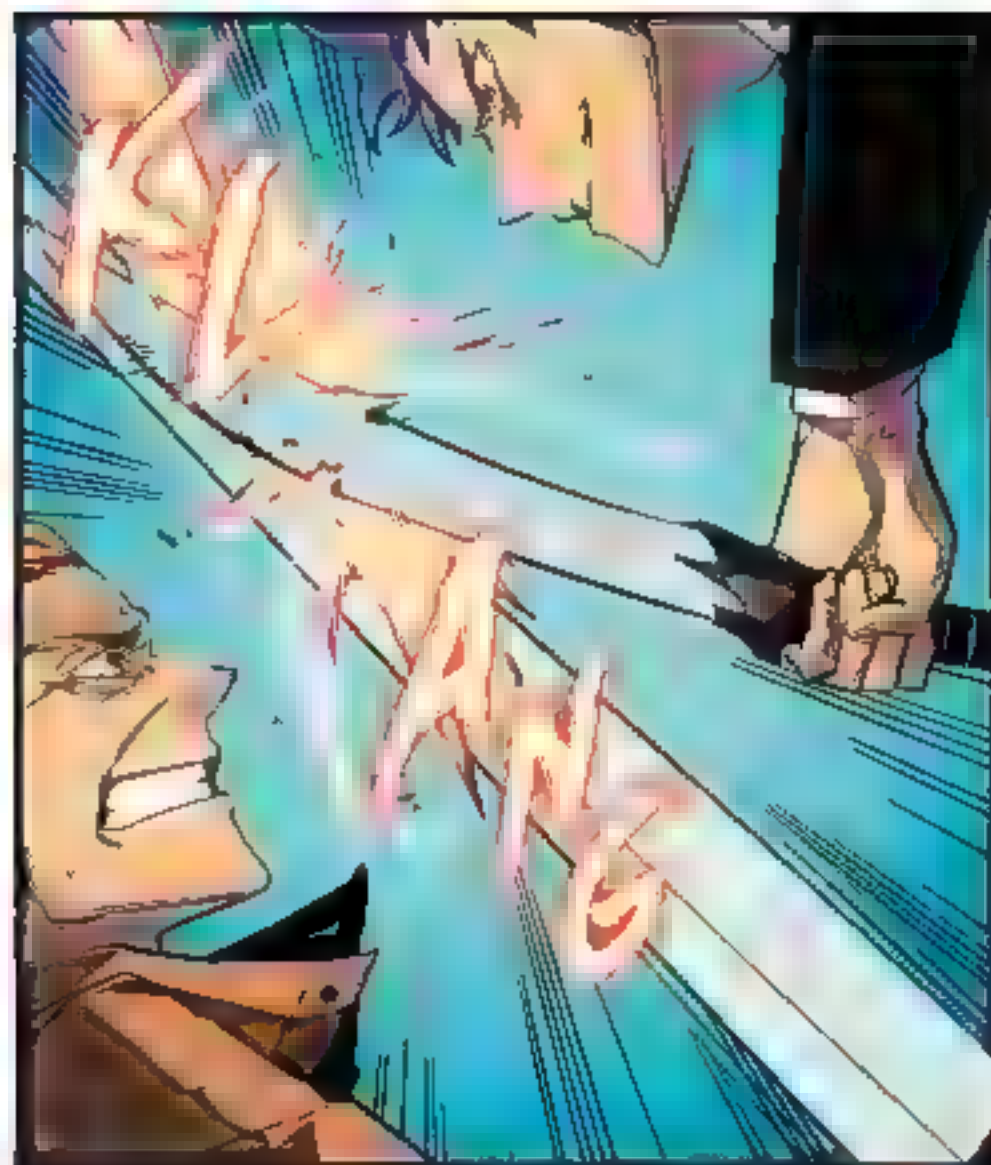


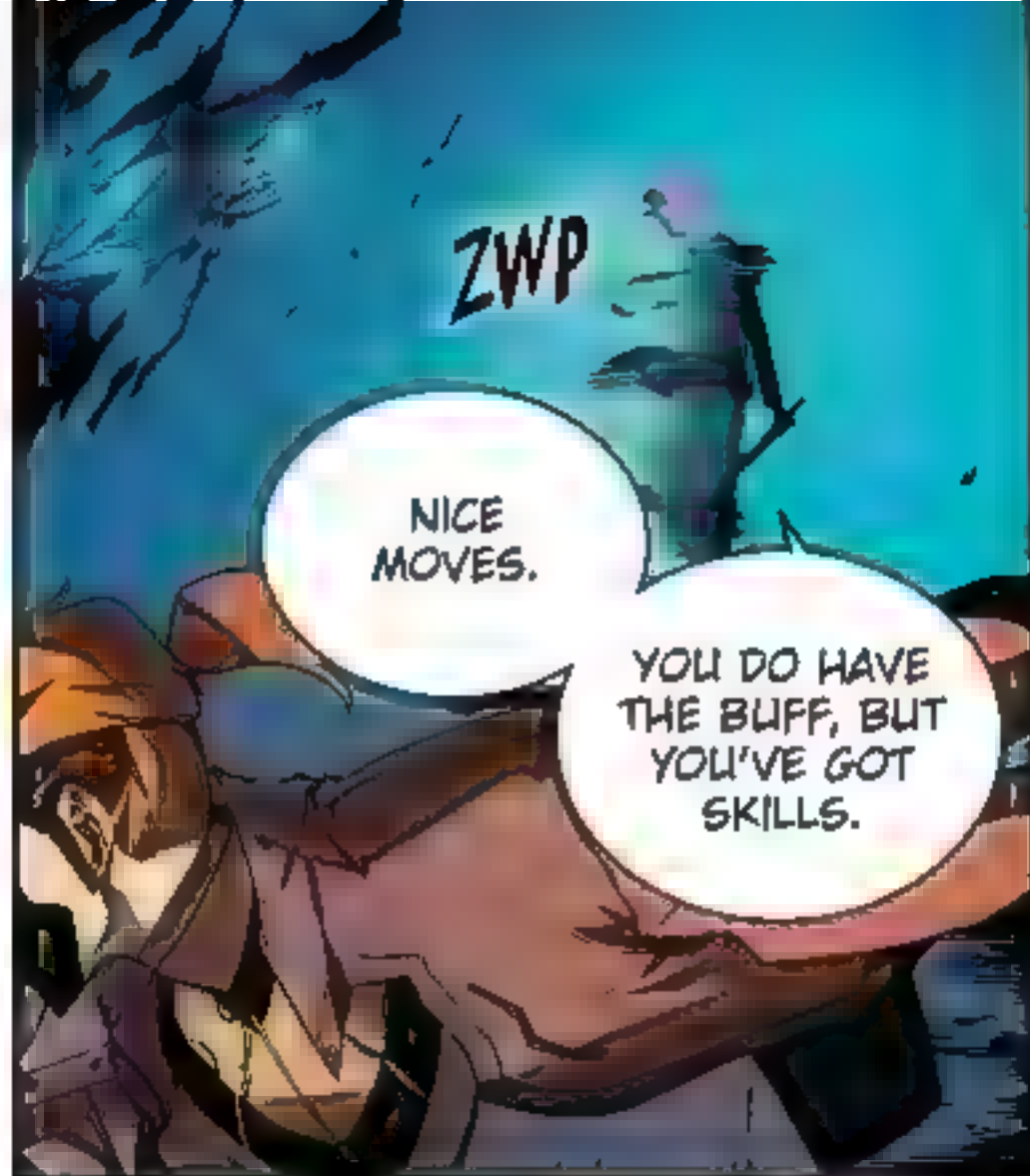
EVEN
WITH HELP FROM
JOOHEE, IT'S LIKE
PUTTING A CAR
ENGINE ON A BIKE
AND PEDALING
HARD...

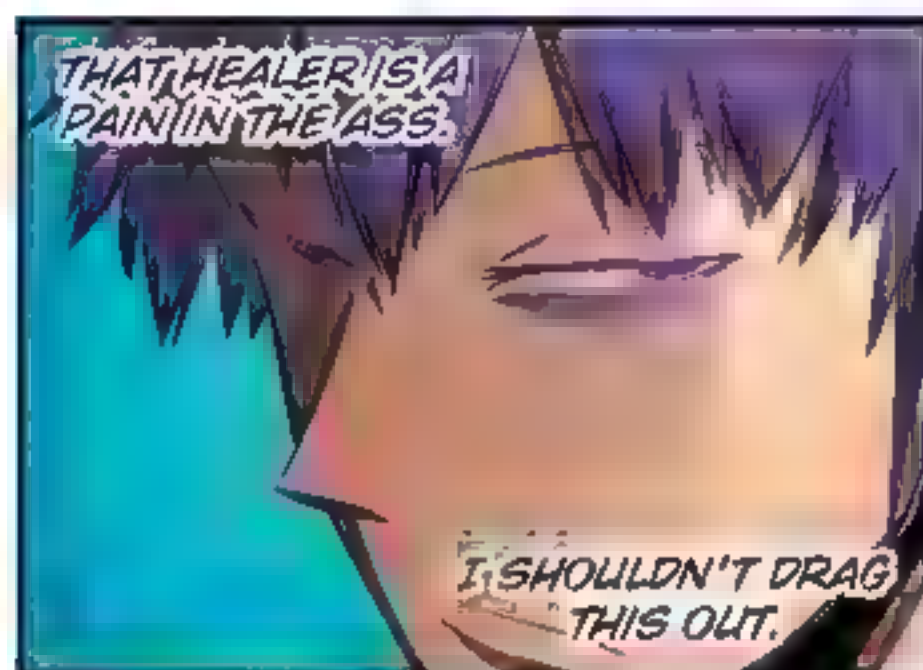
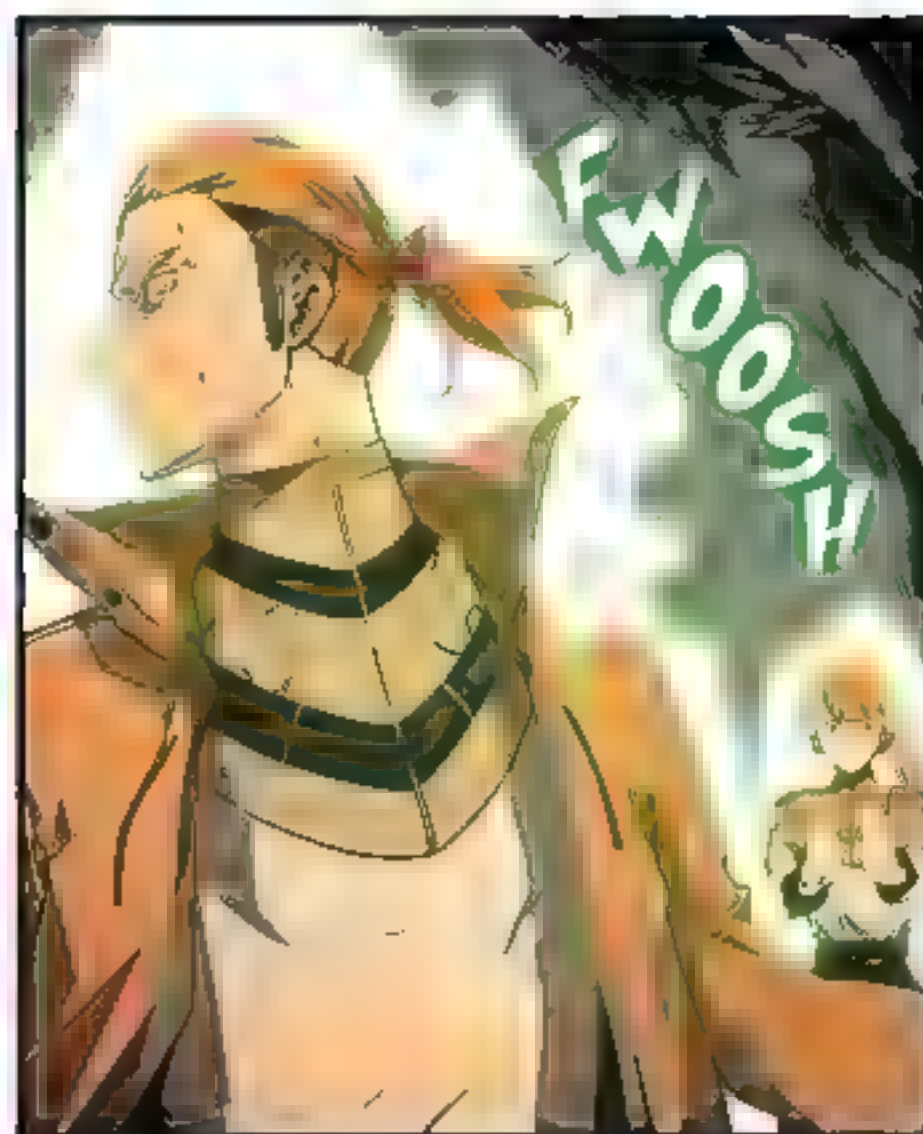


I'M
CAREENING
DOWN A STEEP
SLOPE.

IF I CAN'T
CONTROL MY
SPEED AND
MANEUVER
SHARP TURNS,
I'M DEAD.









I'll make this quick.



YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON A SWORDSMAN.



YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT AN AVERAGE OLD MAN.

YOU CAN'T TELL BY LOOKING AT ME, BUT I TRAIN AN S-RANK HUNTER.

MY BODY MAY BE WEAK, BUT MY SKILLS ARE STRONG.



BUT
THERE IS A
LIMIT TO YOUR
POWER.



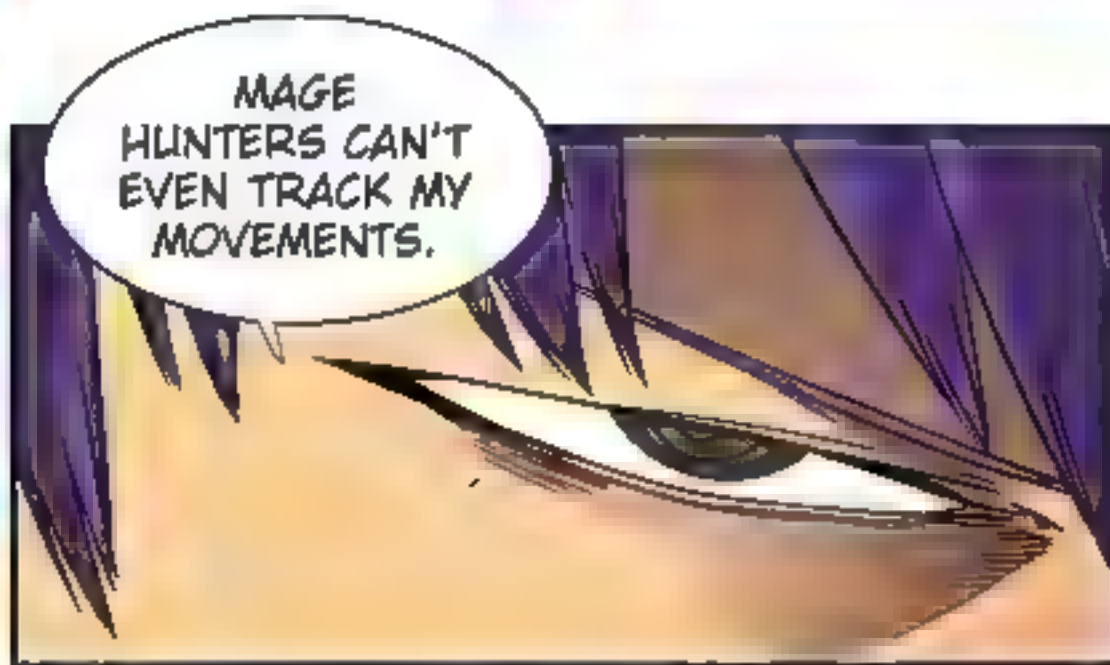
DID
YOU REALLY
THINK...

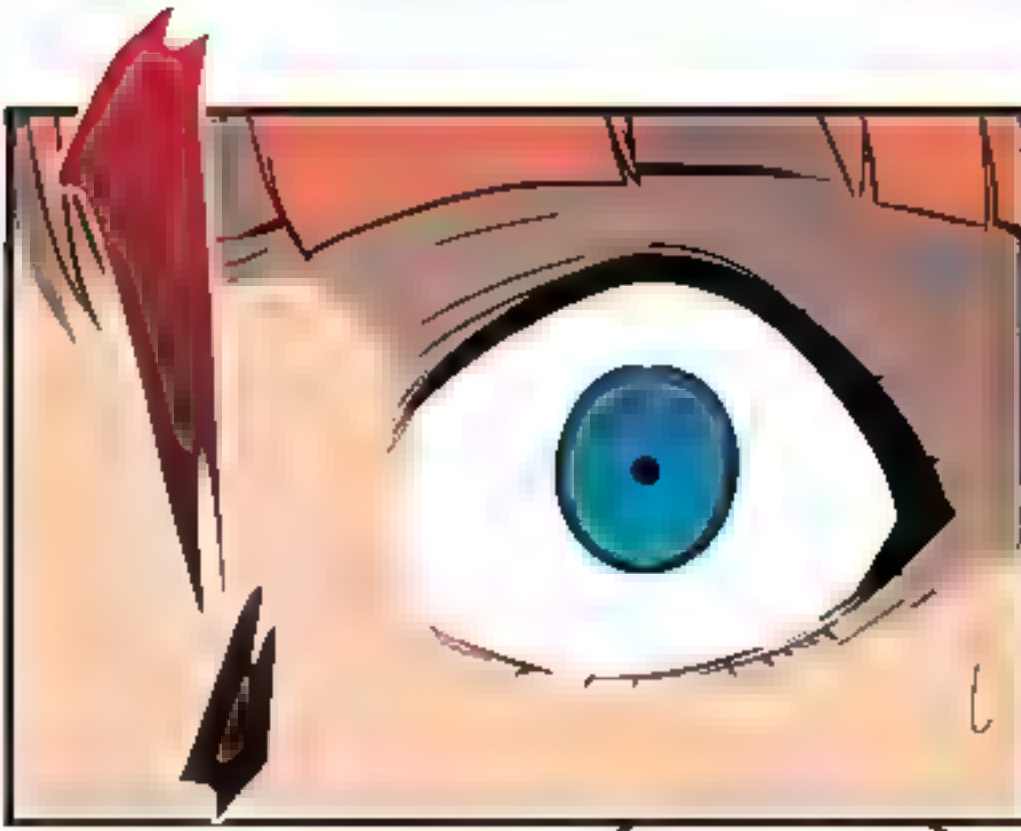


...A MERE
MAGE COULD
KEEP UP WITH
AN ASSASSIN
HUNTER?

RIDICULOUS.







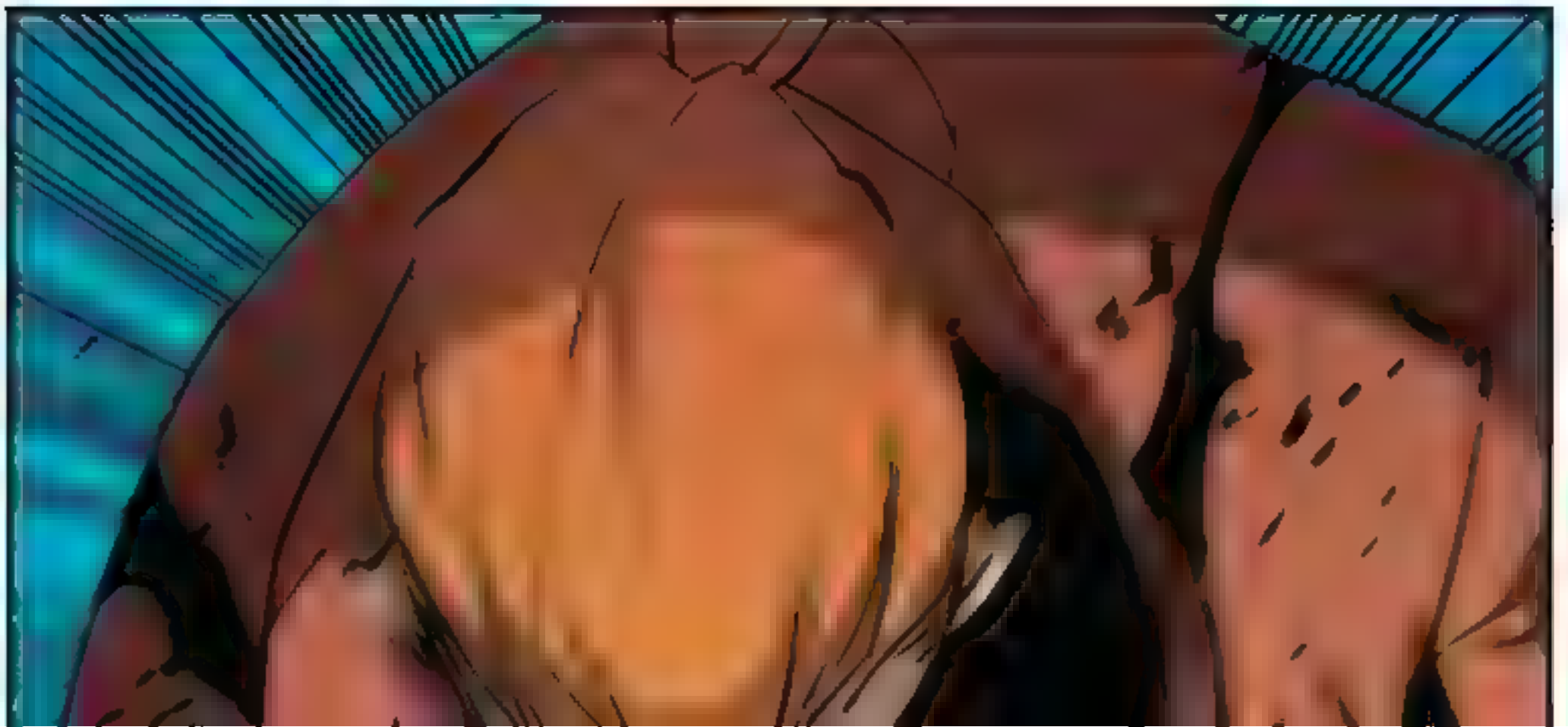
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S FUTILE TO
KEEP FIGHTING.



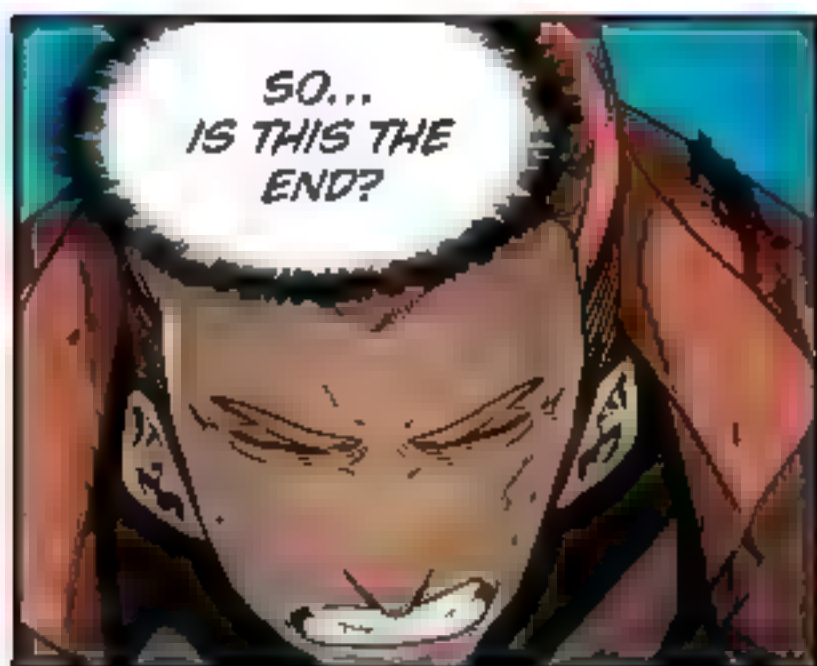
I'LL MAKE
THIS AS
PAINLESS AS
POSSIBLE!

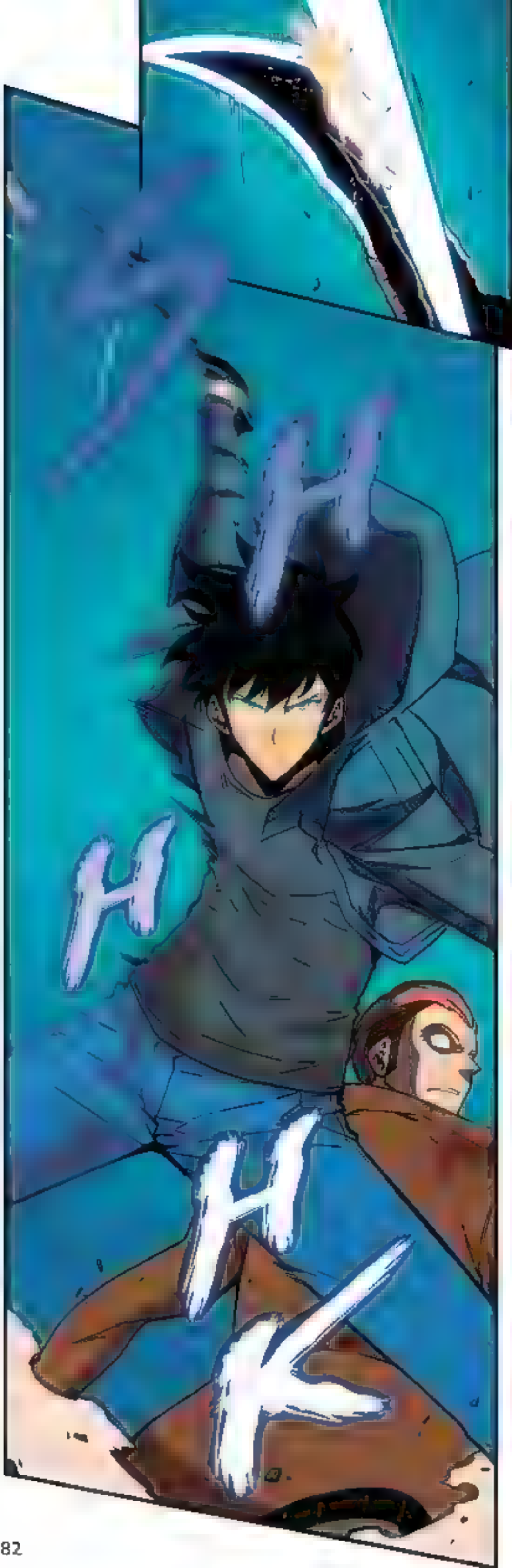
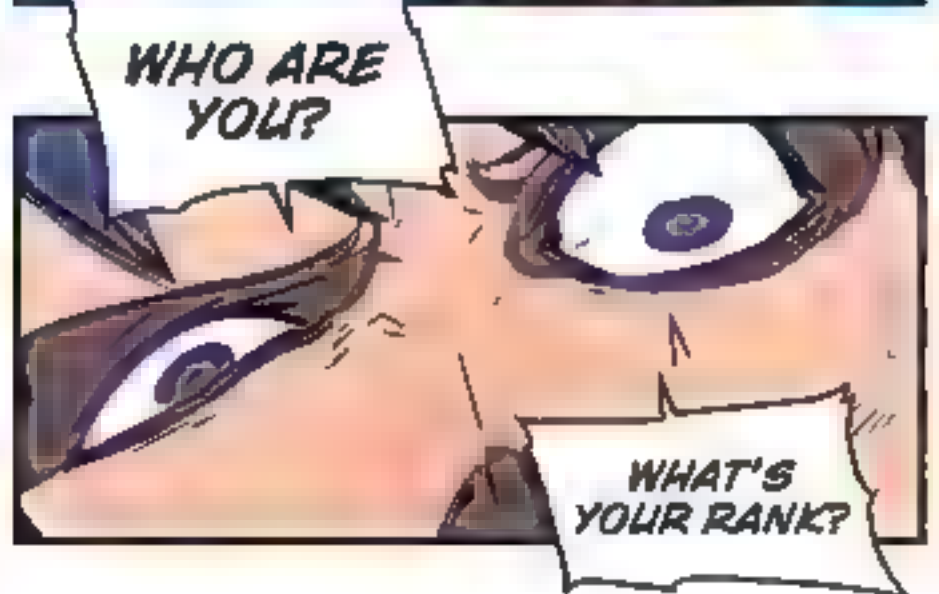
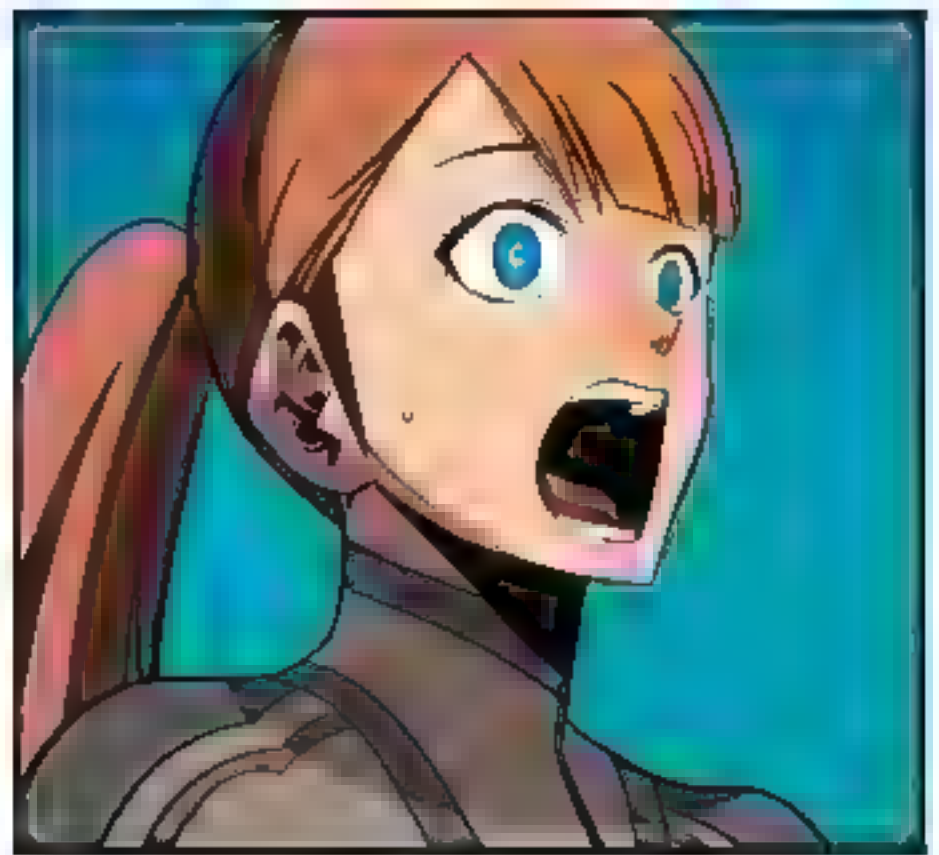


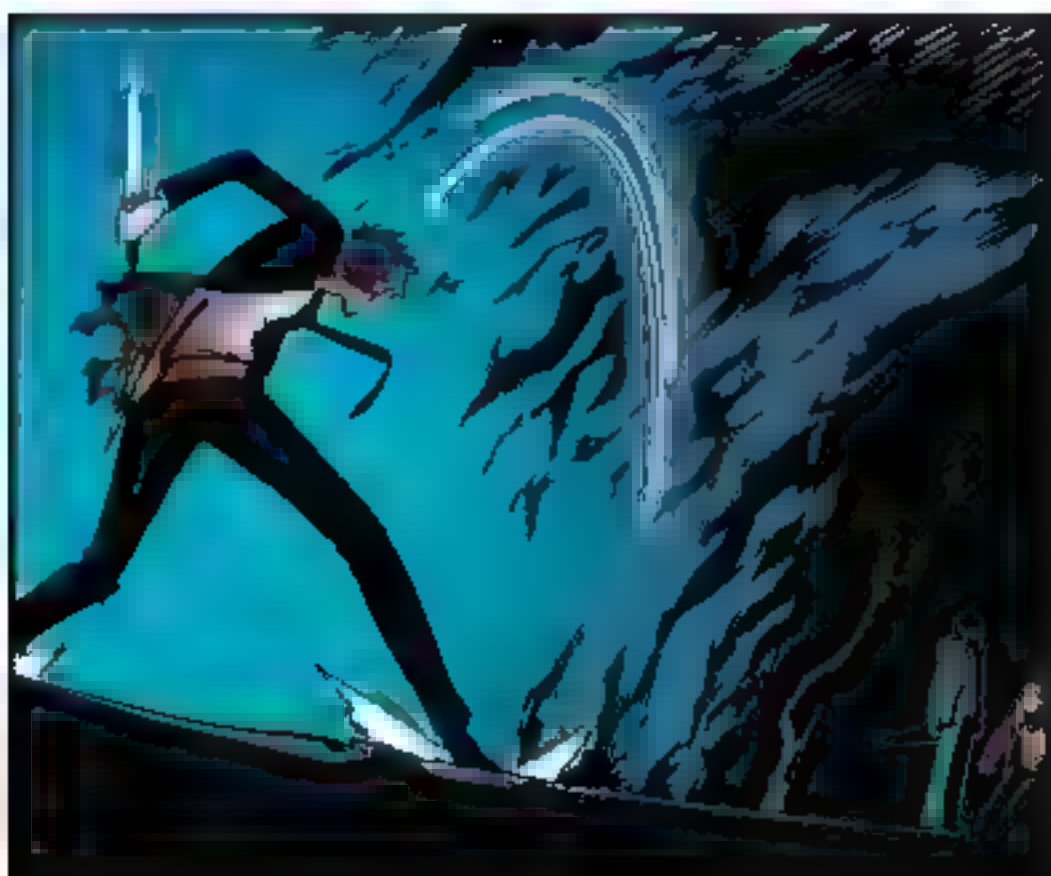
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SUNG...
HOW DID
YOU...?!

E-RANKS
WITH THE
RIGHT PHYSICAL
TRAITS CAN WIELD
THAT MUCH
ENERGY...

...BUT YOUR
REACTION TIME
IS OFF THE
CHARTS.

YOU
BLOCKED MY
ATTACKS
TWICE.

SO ARE YOU
AN ASSASSIN
HUNTER?

NO, THAT
DOESN'T SEEM
RIGHT.

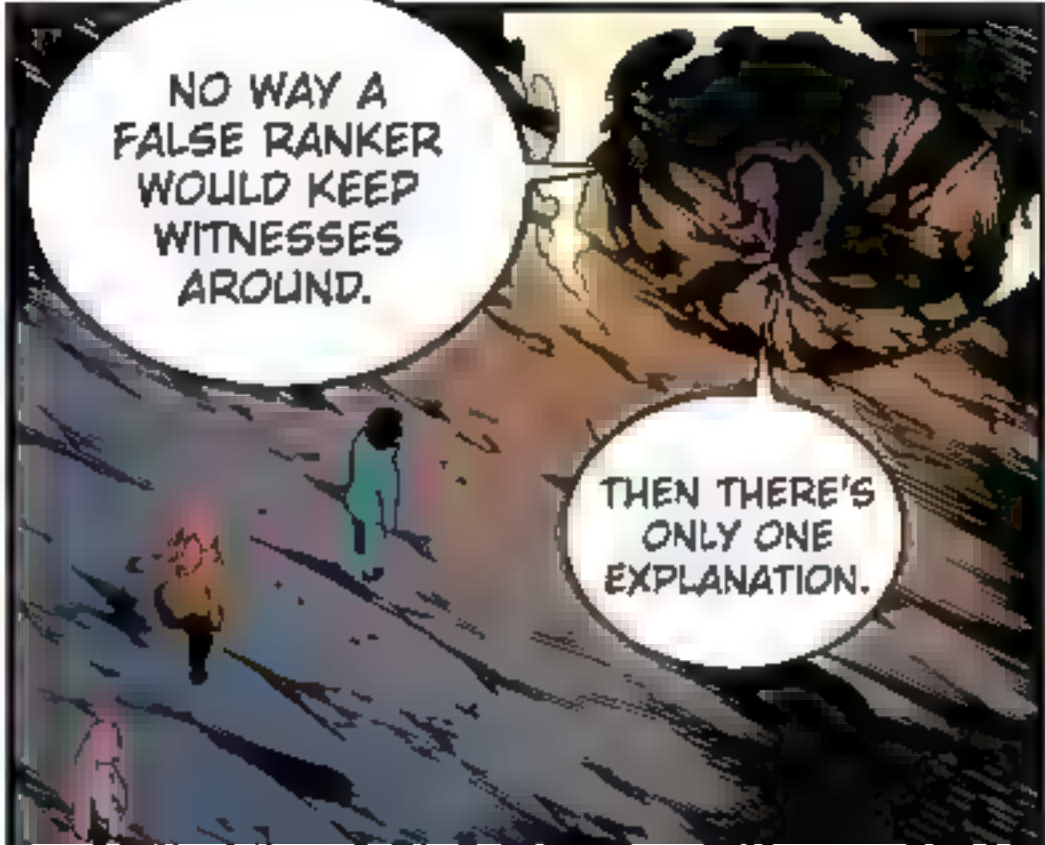


YOU WERE
CONCEALING YOUR
SKILLS, WEREN'T
YOU?

DA
DOOM



WAIT—ARE YOU
A FALSE RANKER?
NO, YOU THREE SEEM
TO HAVE KNOWN ONE
ANOTHER A LONG TIME,
SO IT CAN'T BE THAT.

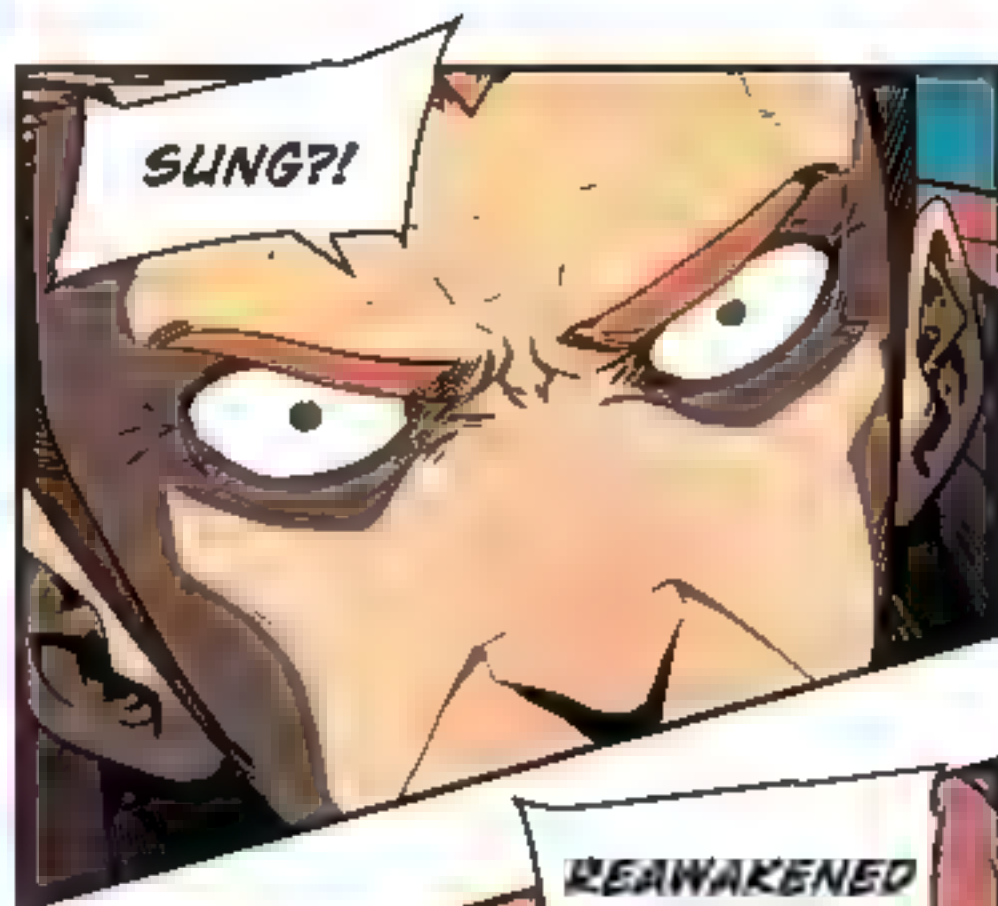


NO WAY A
FALSE RANKER
WOULD KEEP
WITNESSES
AROUND.

THEN THERE'S
ONLY ONE
EXPLANATION.



YOU'RE A
REAWAKENED
BEING.



SLUNG?!



REAWAKENED
BEING?!

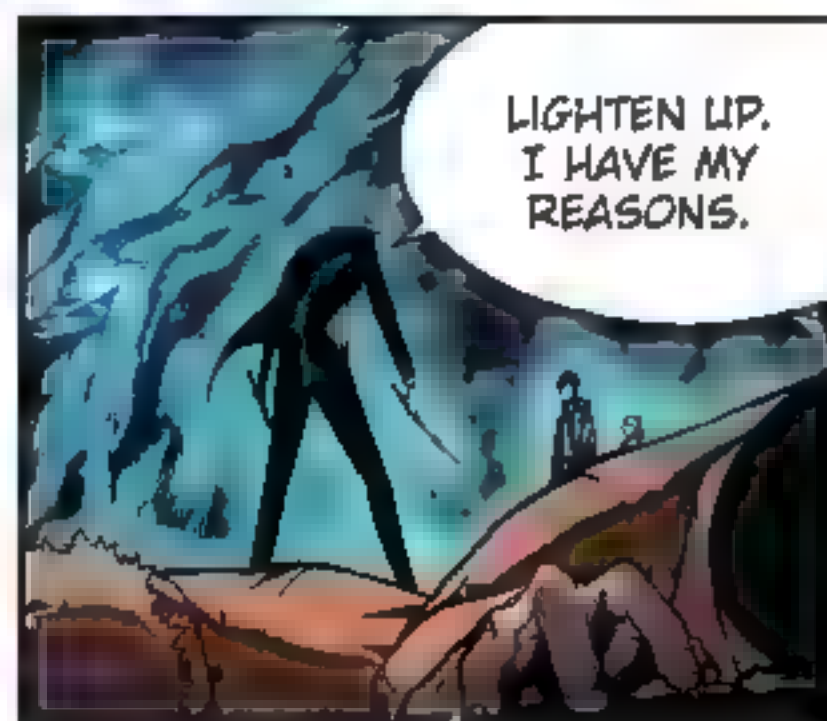


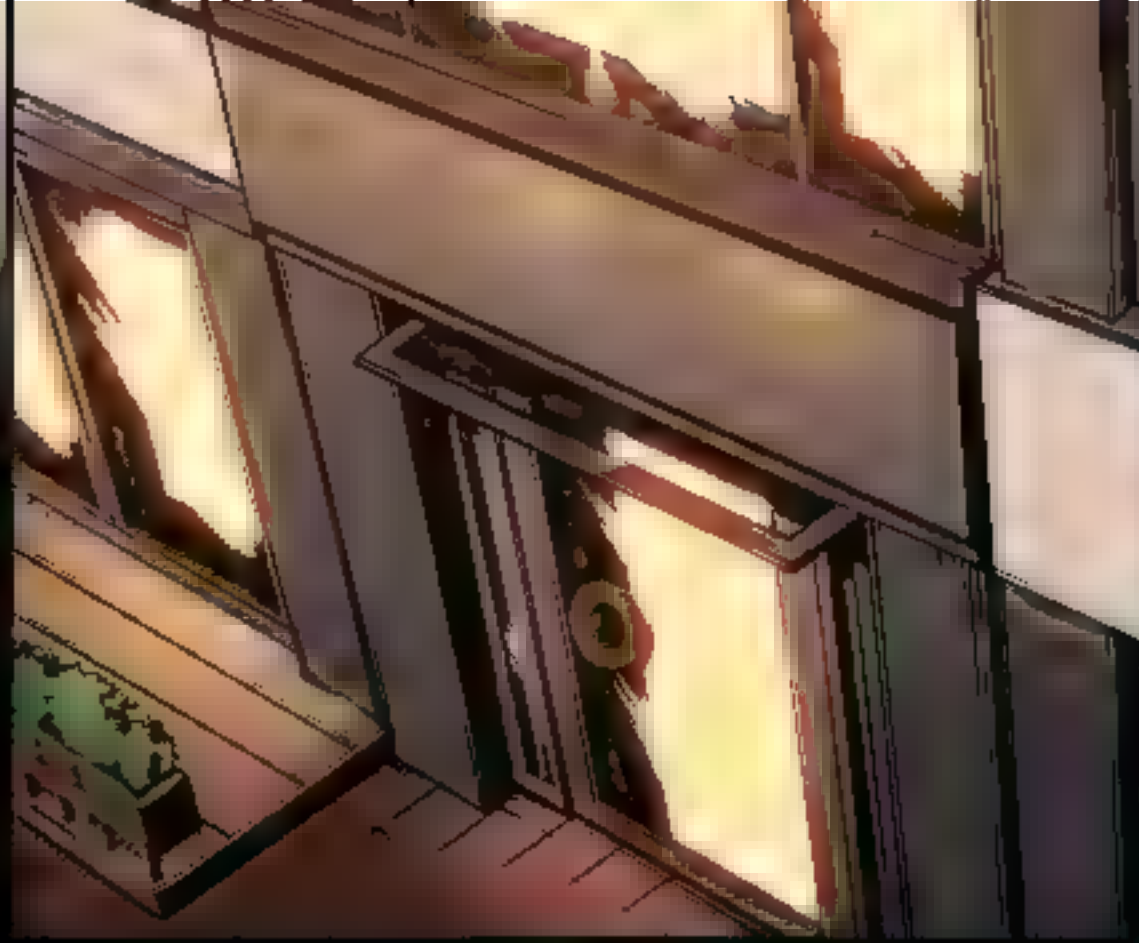
BASED ON THEIR
REACTIONS...I GUESS
YOU REAWAKENED
RECENTLY?

MANAGER WOO
INVESTIGATED A POSSIBLE
REAWAKENED BEING NOT
TOO LONG AGO...

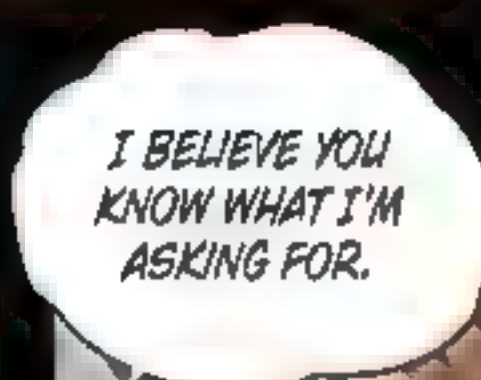
ANYWAY,
YOU LACK
EXPERIENCE AS
A HUNTER.



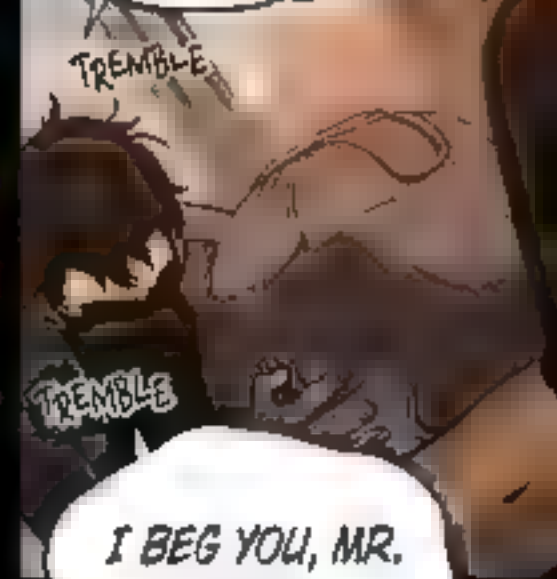




IT'S
TWO BILLION
WON.



I BELIEVE YOU
KNOW WHAT I'M
ASKING FOR.



I BEG YOU, MR.
HUNTER...

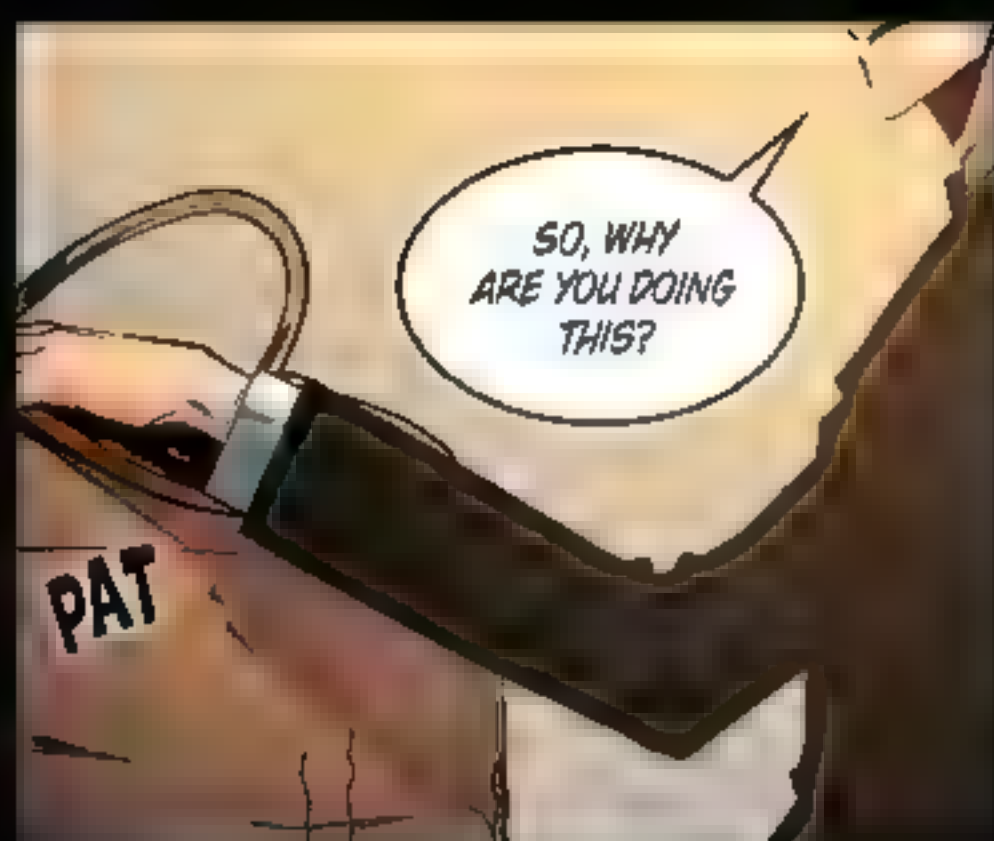


PLEASE...
KILL THOSE
BASTARDS...!



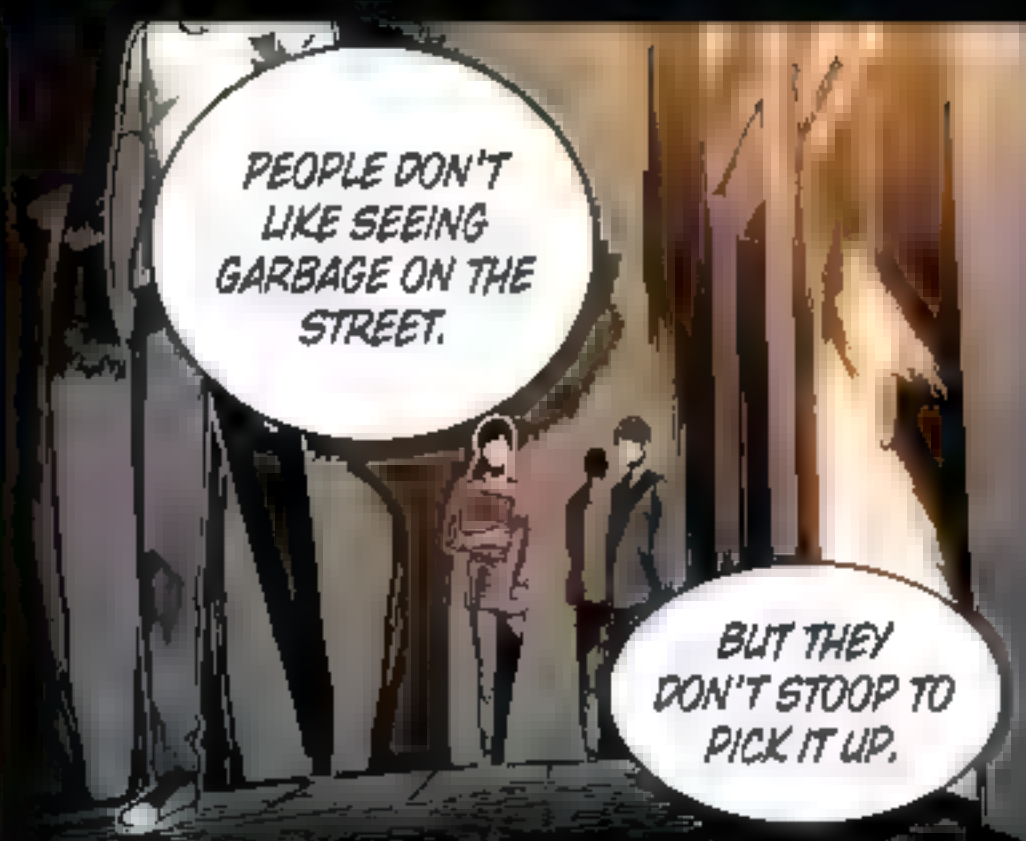
THIS,
PLUS AN EXTRA
BILLION TO GET
RID OF THE OTHER
HUNTERS.

CAN YOU
DO THAT?



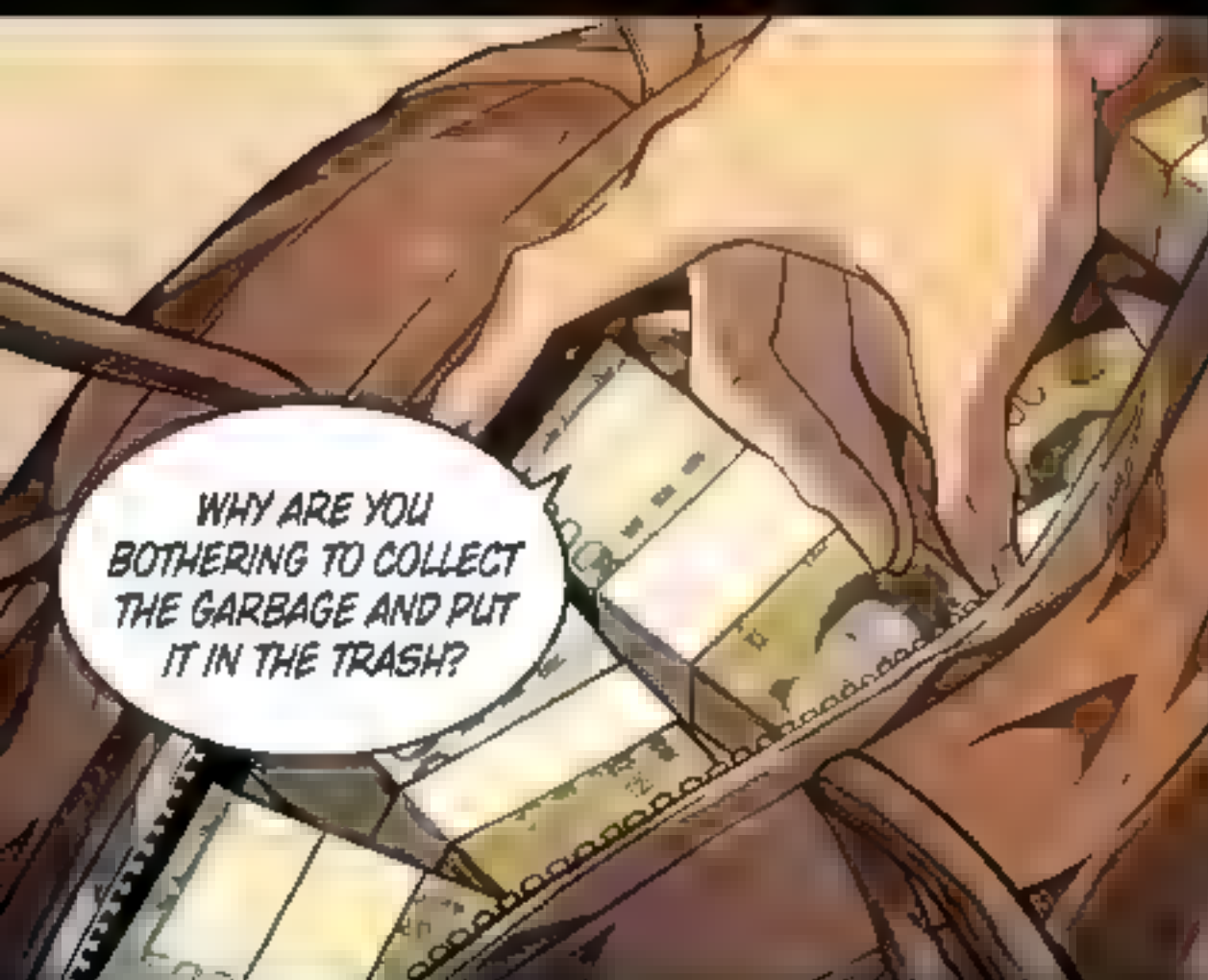
SO, WHY
ARE YOU DOING
THIS?

PAT



PEOPLE DON'T
LIKE SEEING
GARBAGE ON THE
STREET.

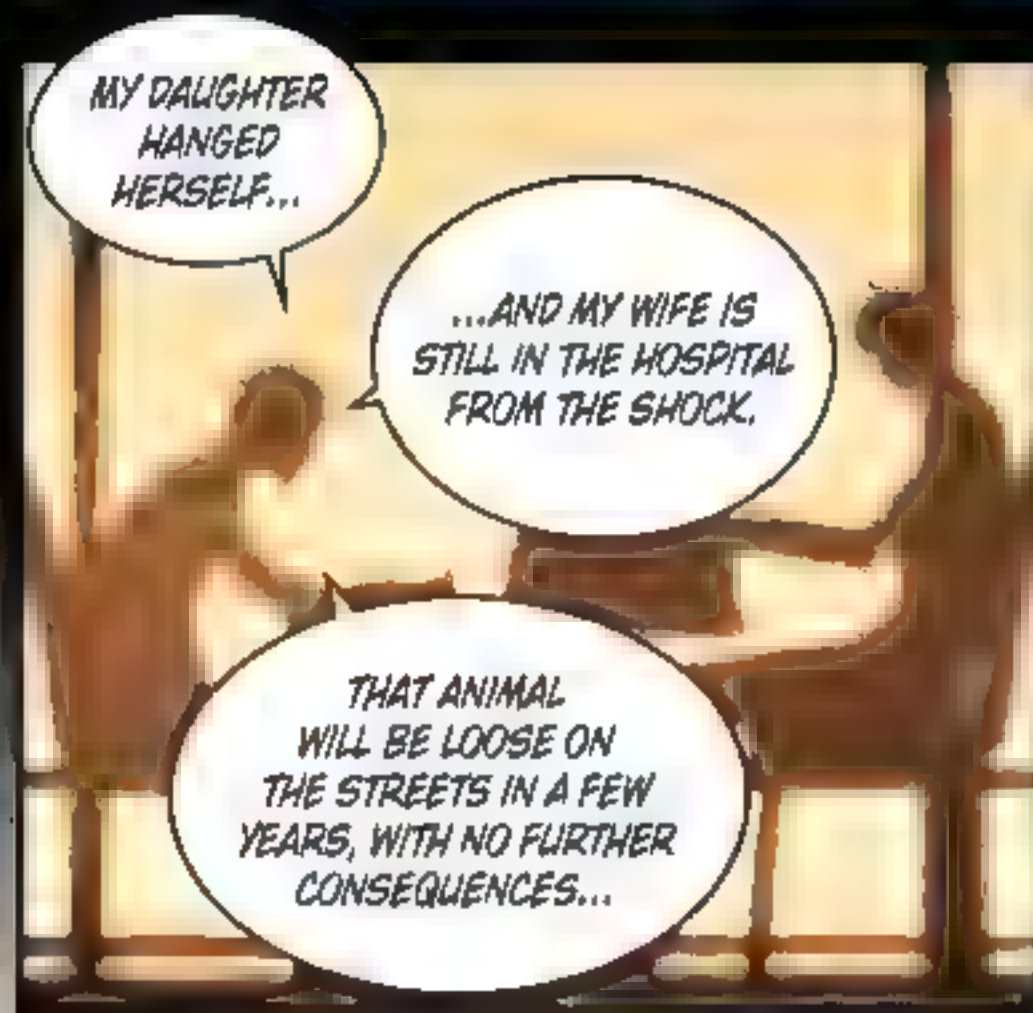
BUT THEY
DON'T STOOP TO
PICK IT UP.



WHY ARE YOU
BOTHERING TO COLLECT
THE GARBAGE AND PUT
IT IN THE TRASH?



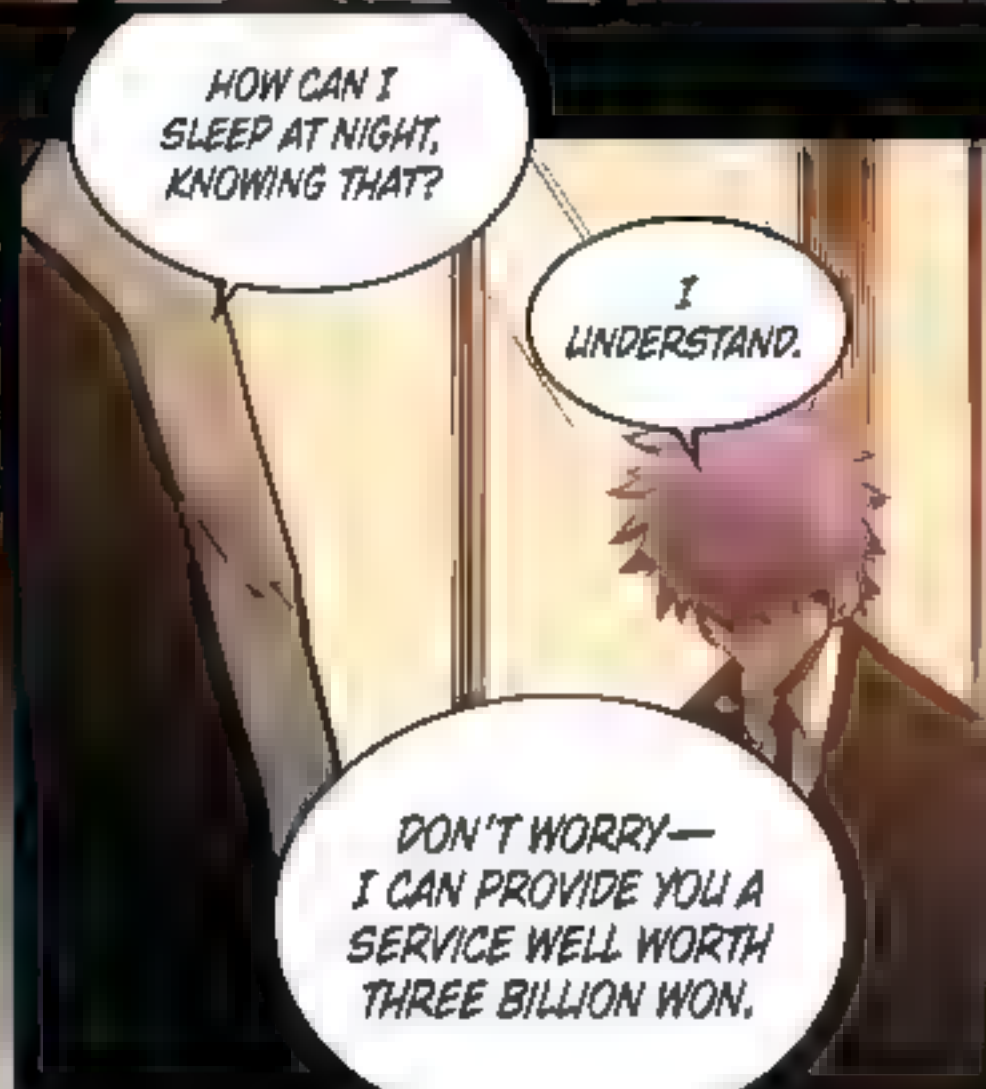
THE BASTARD
WHO VIOLATED MY
DAUGHTER IS AMONG
THE PRISONERS YOU'RE
ESCORTING.



MY DAUGHTER
HANGED
HERSELF...

...AND MY WIFE IS
STILL IN THE HOSPITAL
FROM THE SHOCK.

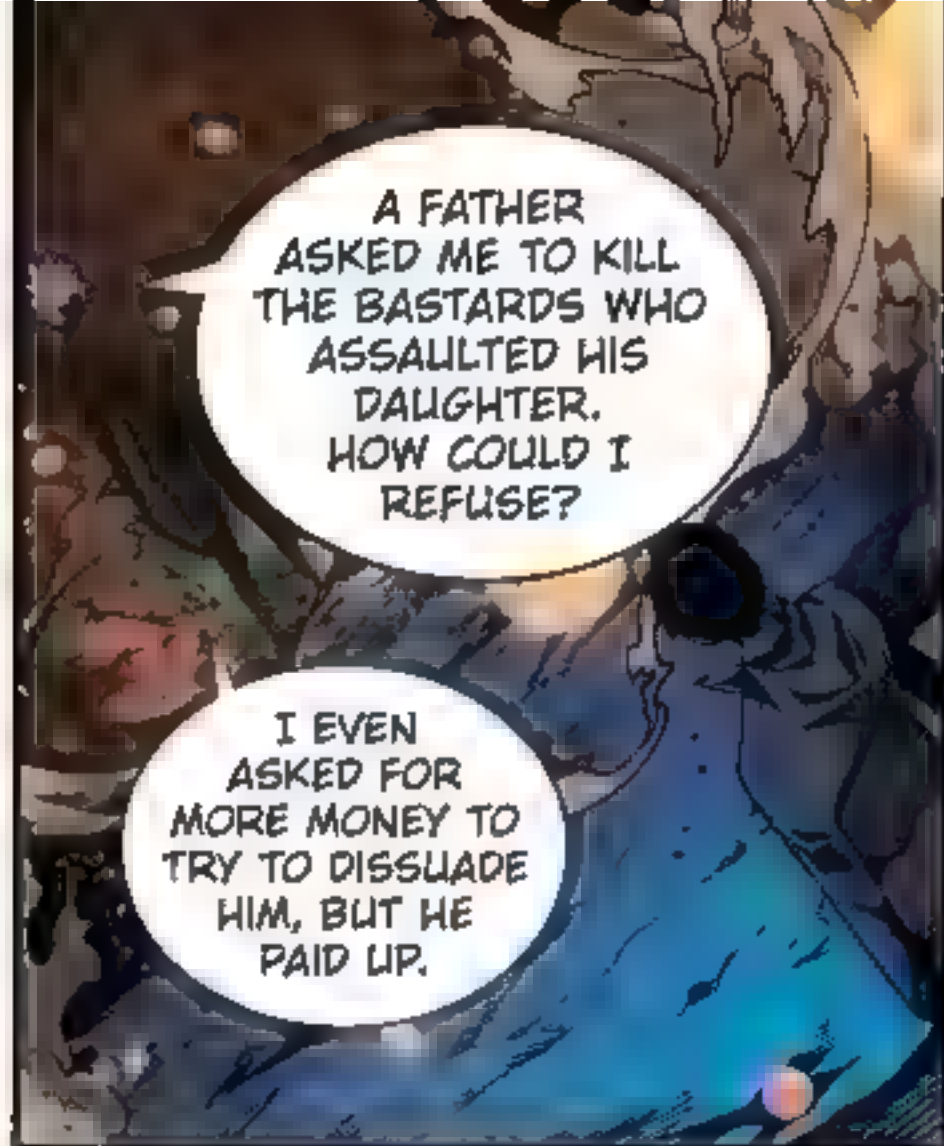
THAT ANIMAL
WILL BE LOOSE ON
THE STREETS IN A FEW
YEARS, WITH NO FURTHER
CONSEQUENCES...



HOW CAN I
SLEEP AT NIGHT,
KNOWING THAT?

I
UNDERSTAND.

DON'T WORRY—
I CAN PROVIDE YOU A
SERVICE WELL WORTH
THREE BILLION WON.



A FATHER
ASKED ME TO KILL
THE BASTARDS WHO
ASSAULTED HIS
DAUGHTER.
HOW COULD I
REFUSE?

I EVEN
ASKED FOR
MORE MONEY TO
TRY TO DISSUADE
HIM, BUT HE
PAID UP.



LOOK,
REGARDLESS OF
ALL THAT, I DON'T
WANT TO KILL ANY
OF YOU.

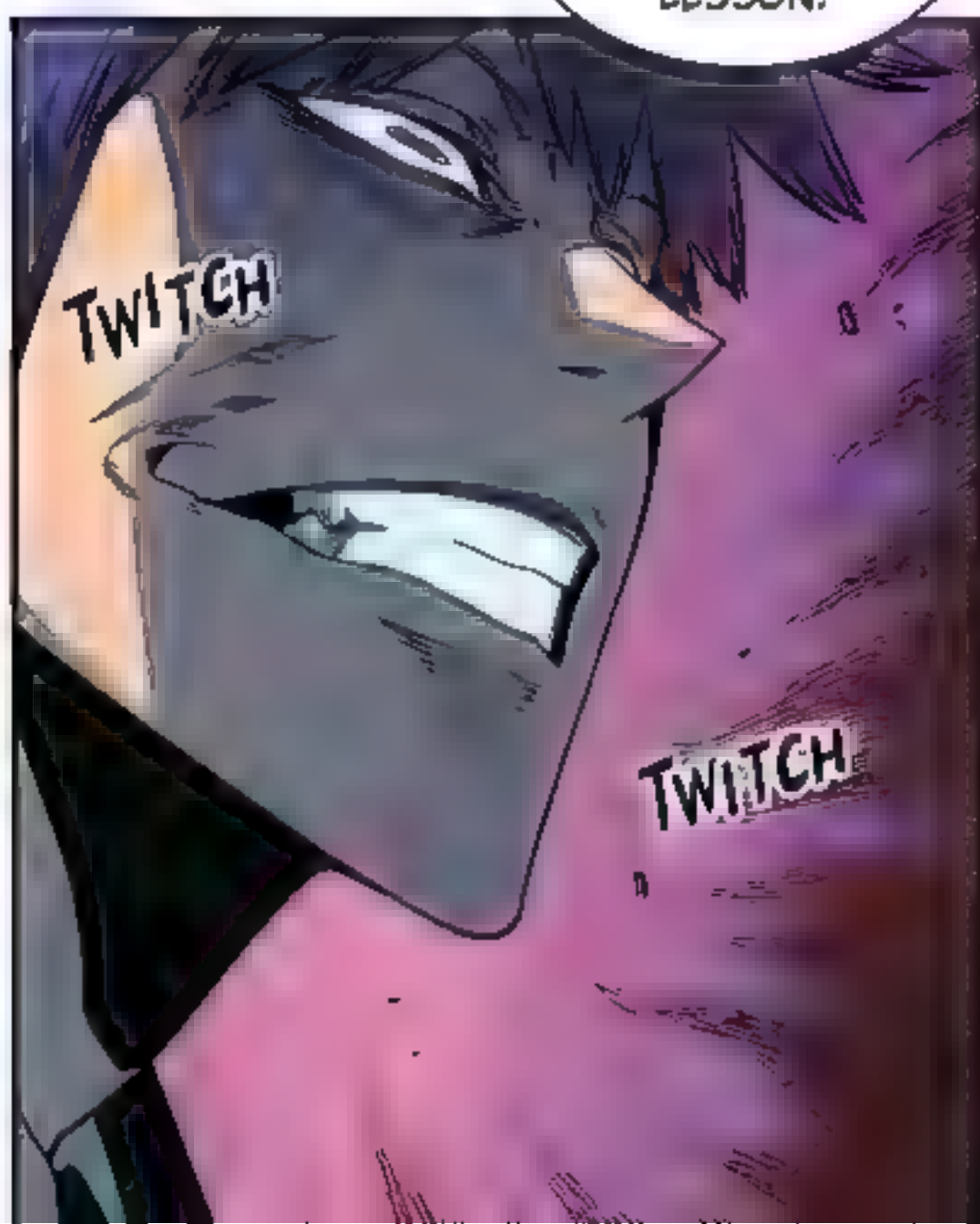
PROMISE
NOT TO SAY
ANYTHING TO
ANYONE, AND
I'LL LET YOU
ALL LIVE.



WELL...

...YOU
SAY THAT,
BUT...

...YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'D PREFER
TO GO OFF ON US
AND TEACH US A
LESSON.



TWITCH

TWITCH



NOT LIKE
I HAD ANY
INTENTION OF
BELIEVING YOU
ANYWAY.

WHO'D
LISTEN TO A
MANIAC LYING OFF
HIS ASS?

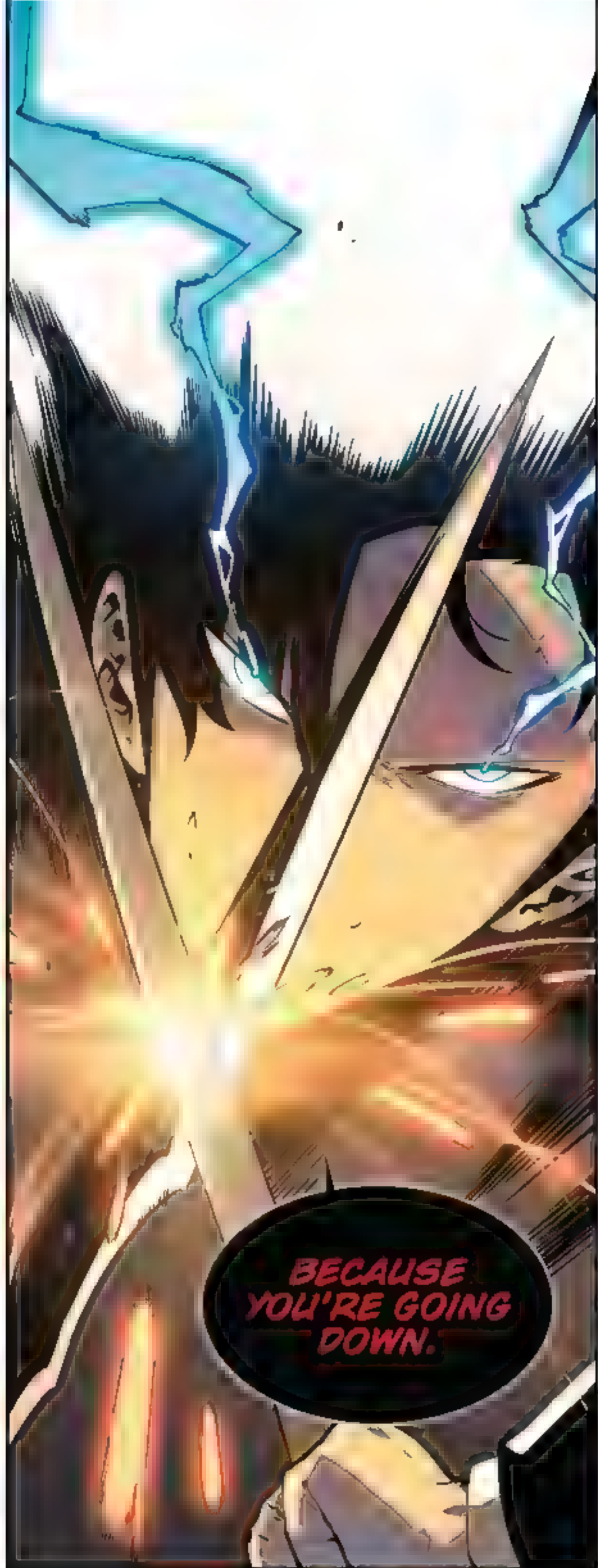


HEH, I
DON'T CARE IF
YOU BELIEVE ME
OR NOT.

IT'S JUST
TOO BAD I HAVE
TO SQUASH YOU
LIKE BUGS!

I SHOULD
BE THE ONE
FEELING BAD
FOR YOU.

WHAT?



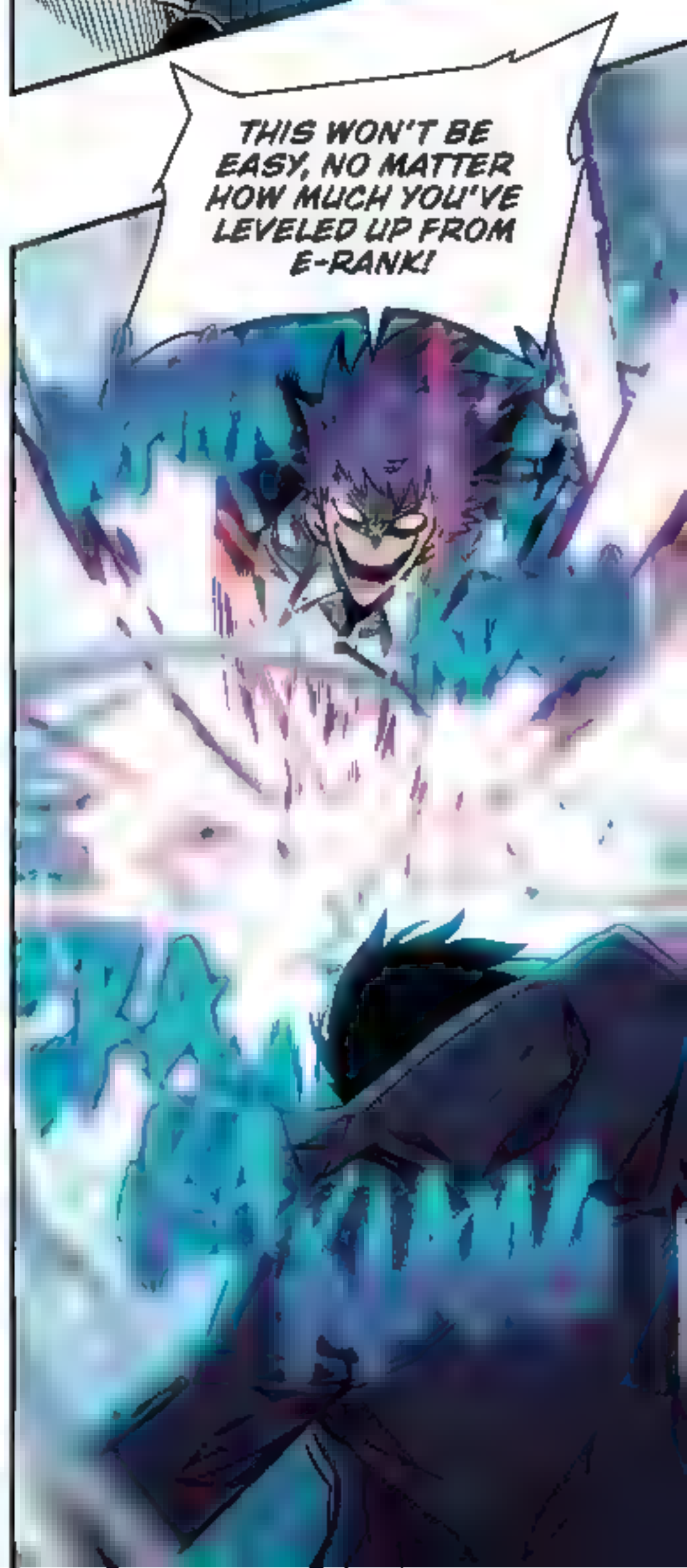
**BECAUSE
YOU'RE GOING
DOWN.**



DRIP

DRIP

**THIS WON'T BE
EASY, NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU'VE
LEVELED UP FROM
E-RANK!**





TOO
SLOW.

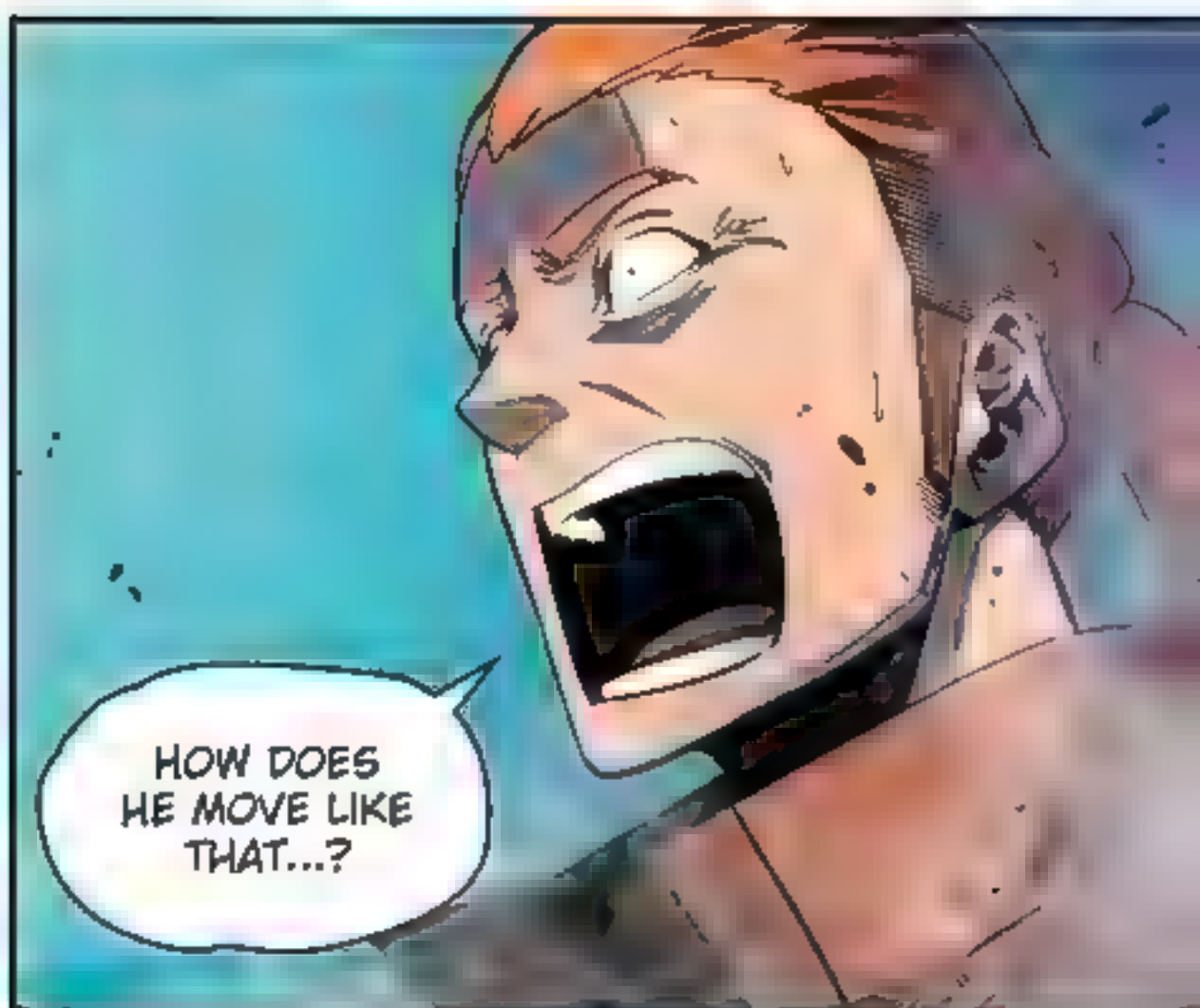


YOU
THINK?

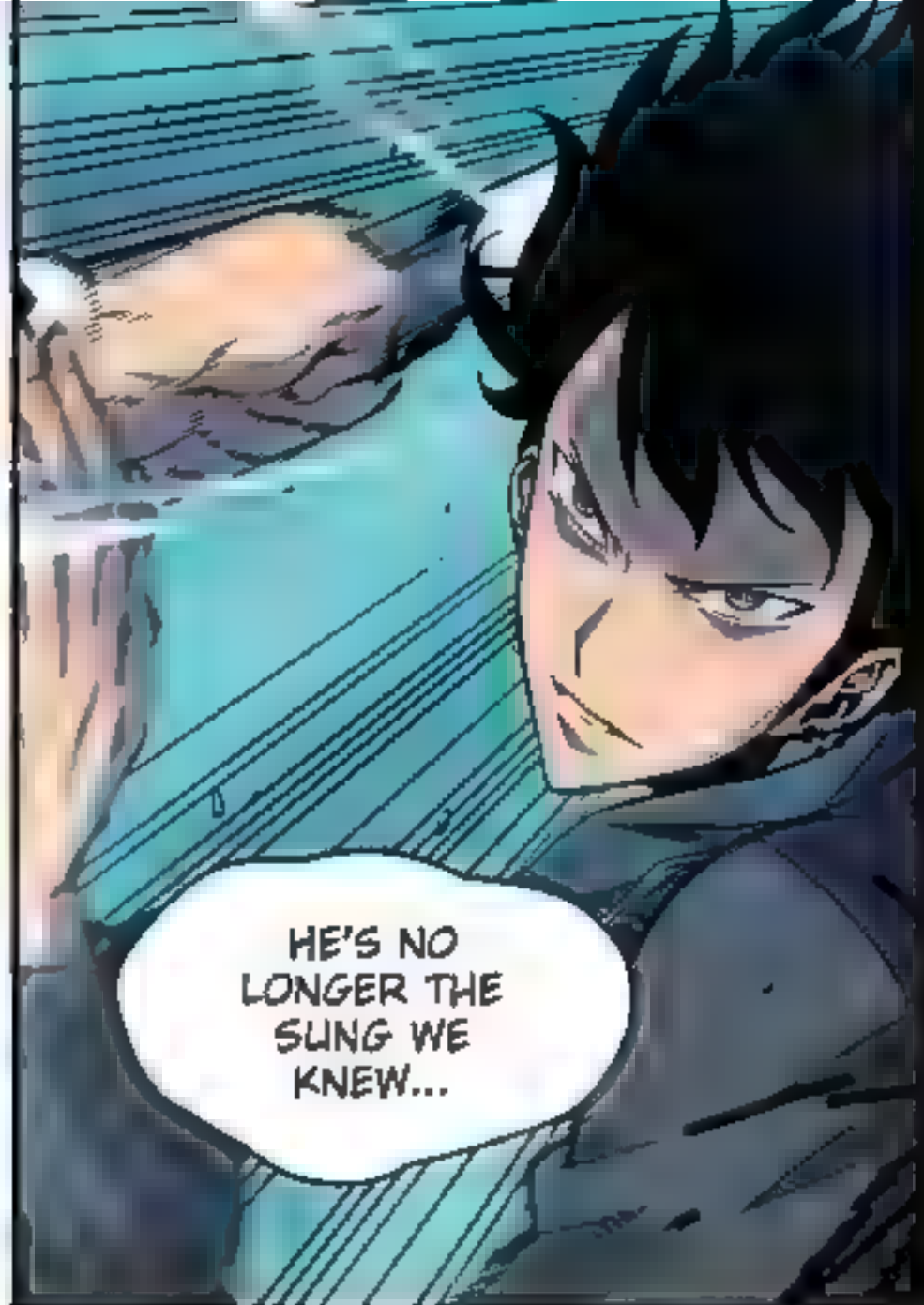


KLANK KLANK

ZOOM



HOW DOES
HE MOVE LIKE
THAT...?



HE'S NO
LONGER THE
SUNG WE
KNEW...



THREE
BILLION
WASN'T
ENOUGH,
WAS IT?

WHO KNEW
I'D MEET A
HUNTER OF
YOUR CALIBER
TODAY?!



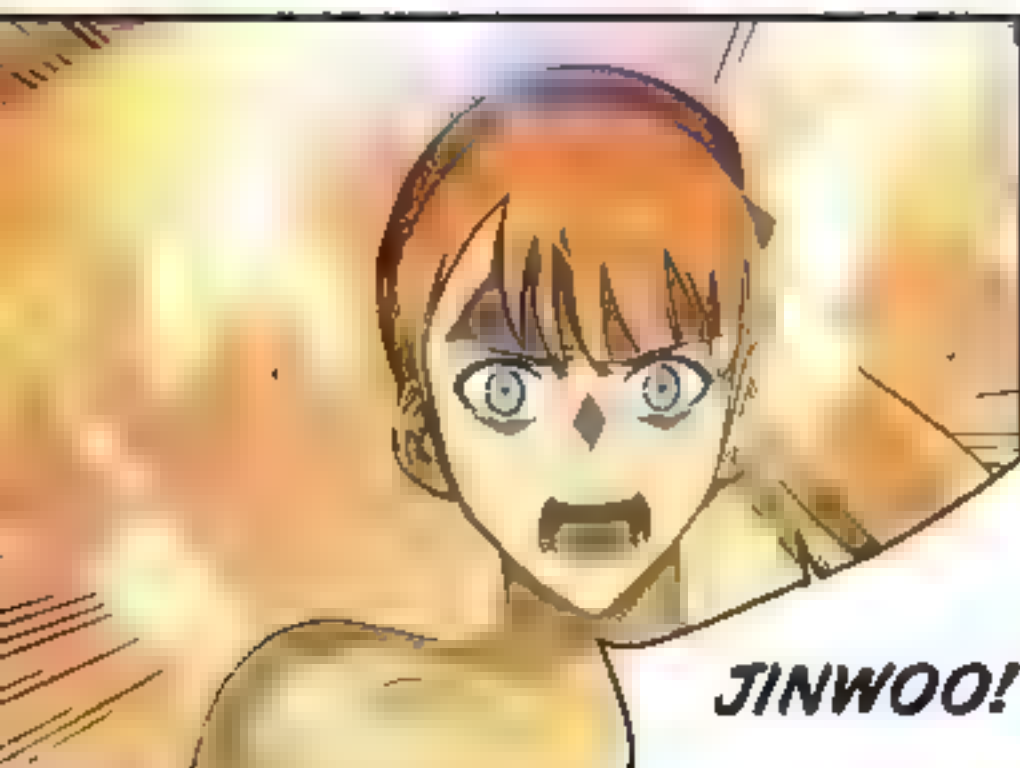
HE'S JUST AS
FAST AS ME!



**CAN'T
GO ANY
FASTER?!**



**EVEN THOUGH
YOUR EYES CAN
FOLLOW ME, THE
REST OF YOU CAN'T
KEEP UP!**



JINWOO!



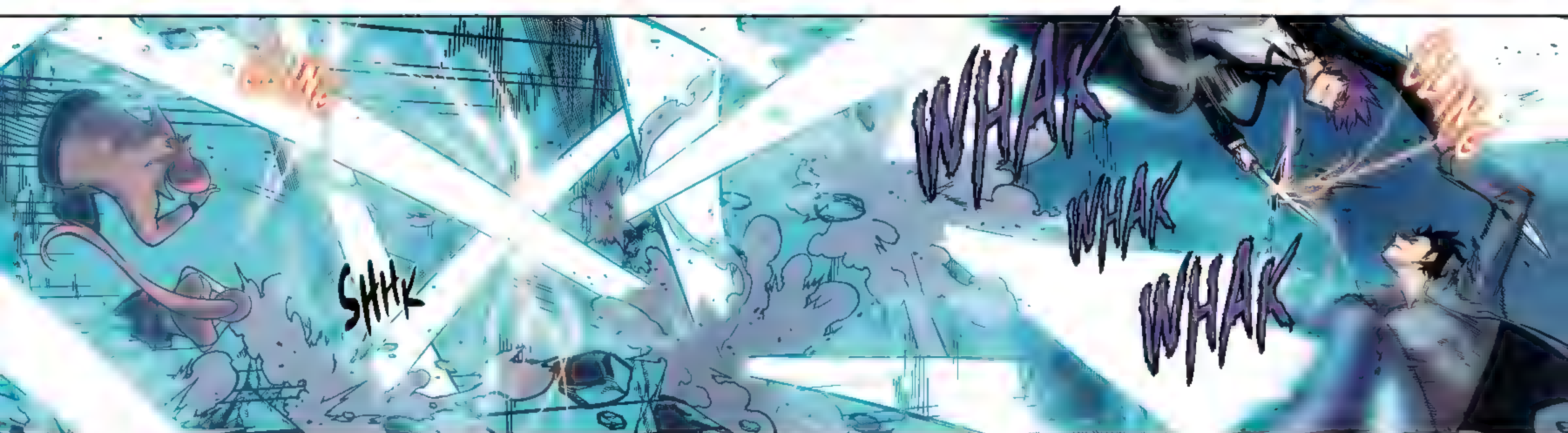
**YOU CAN
DO THIS!!**



HASTE AND BURN BOOST.

NO MORE MESSING AROUND.





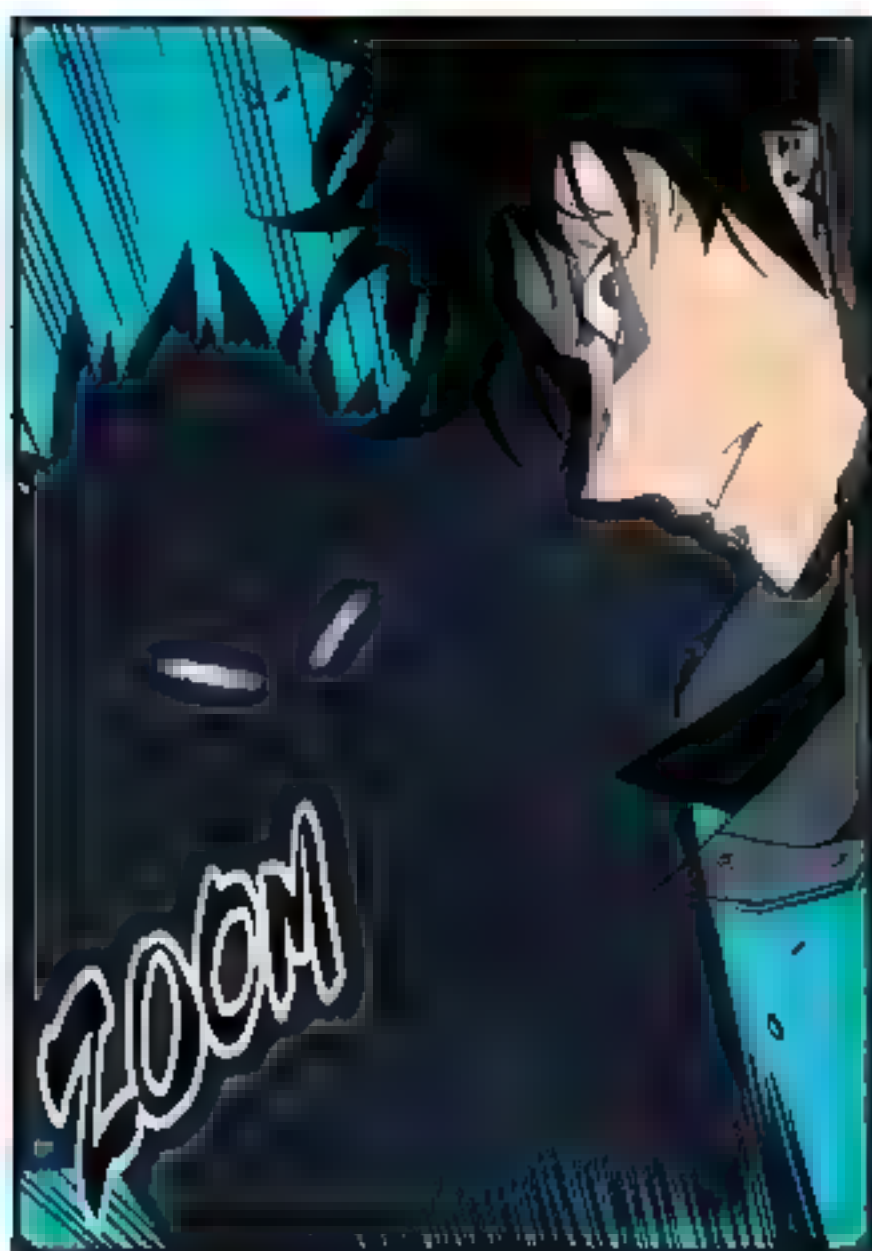
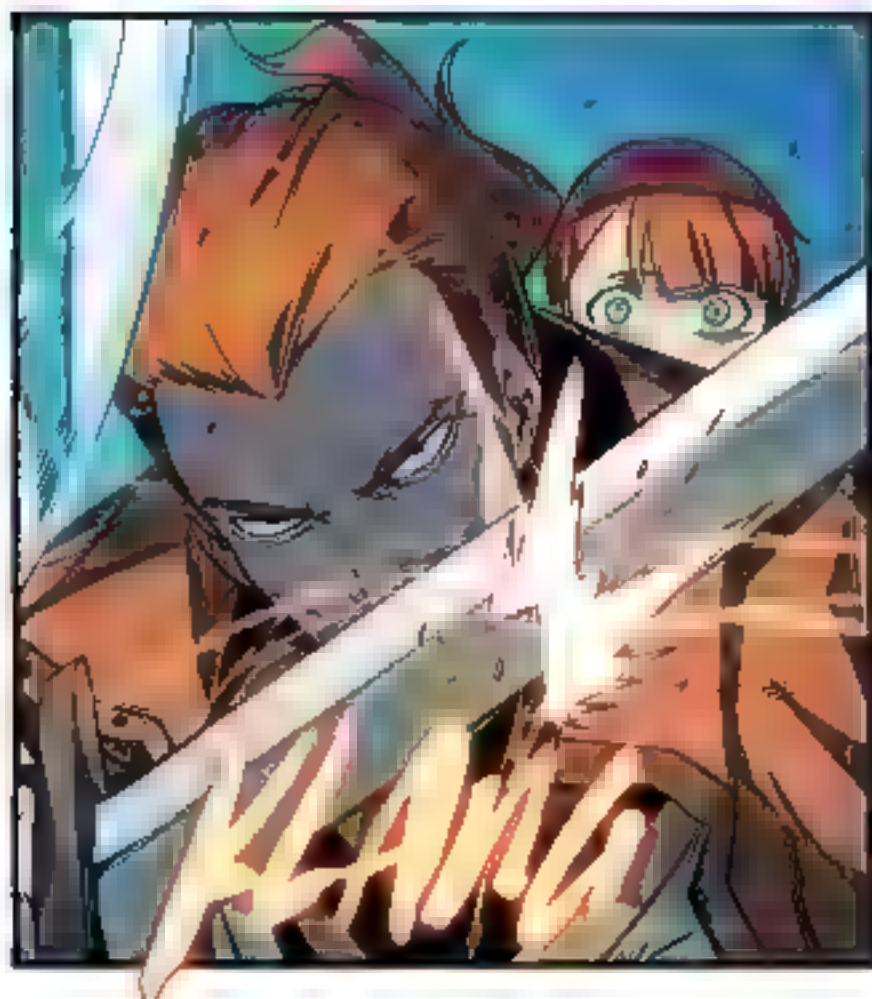


EVEN IF
WE'RE EVENLY
MATCHED, YOU
LACK EXPERIENCE
BATTLING AT
HIGHER LEVELS.

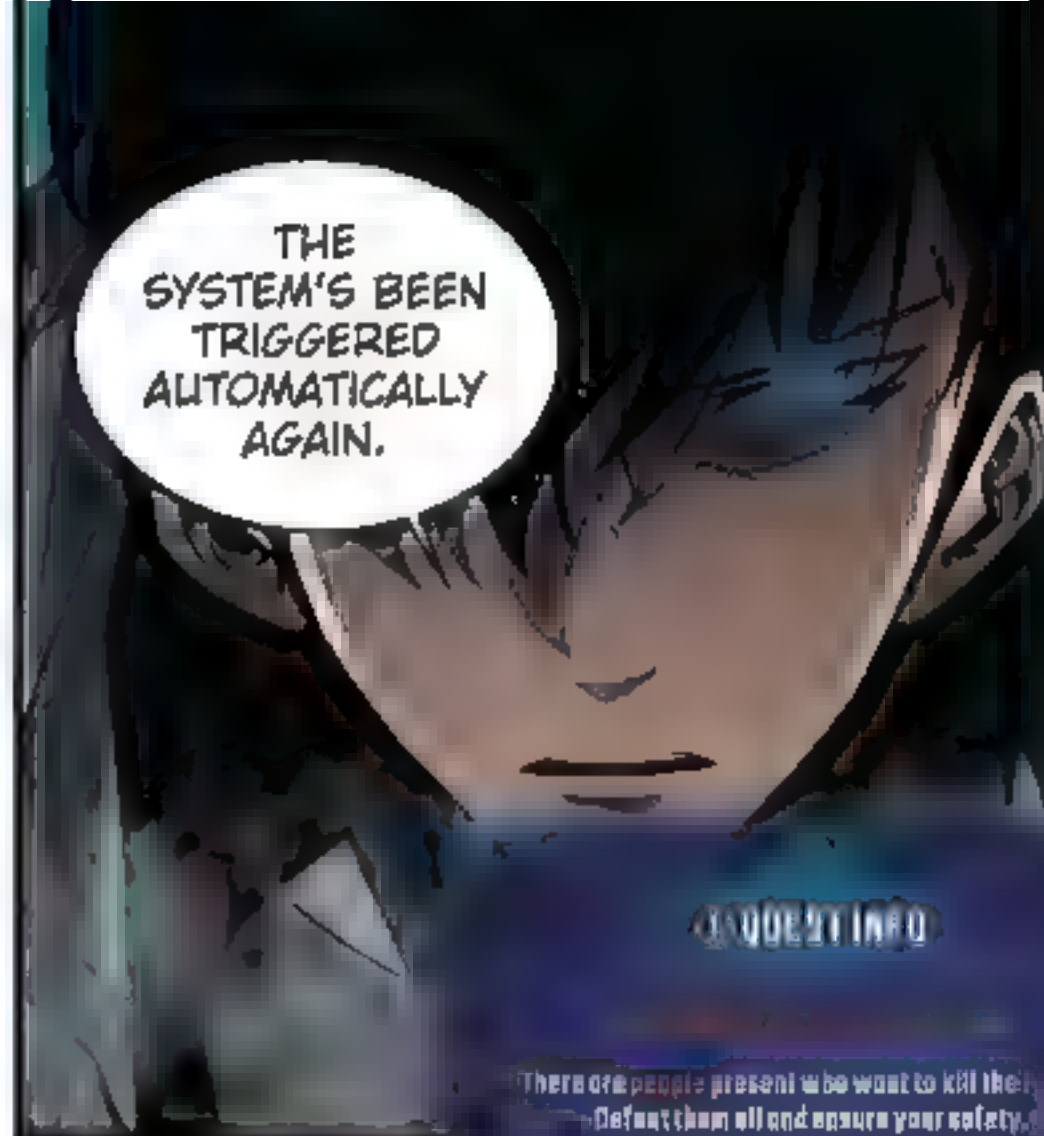


THAT
INEXPERIENCE
WILL BE YOUR
DOWNFALL.

MAYBE PROTECT
THE HEALER BETTER
NEXT TIME.







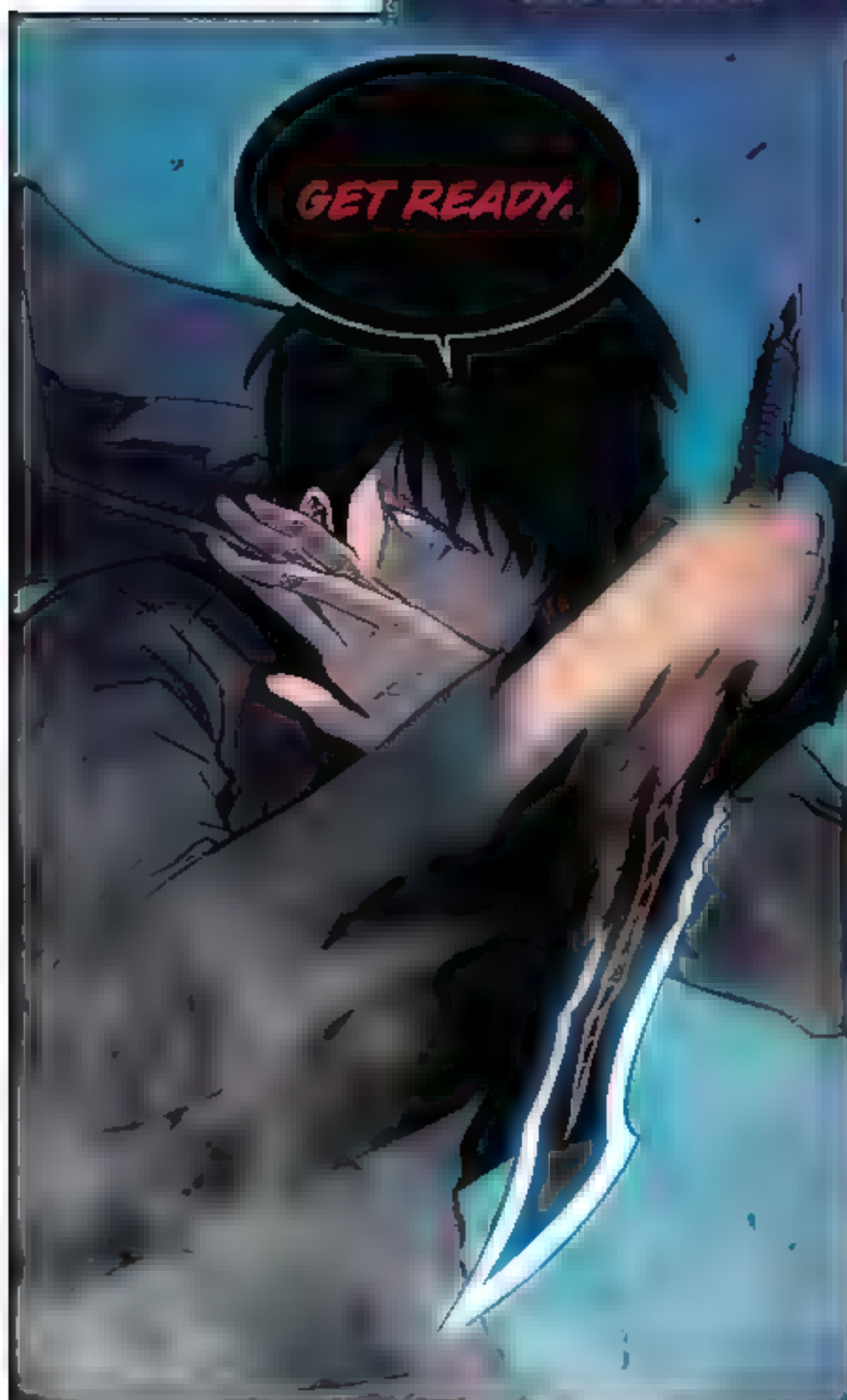
THE
SYSTEM'S BEEN
TRIGGERED
AUTOMATICALLY
AGAIN.

QUEST INFO

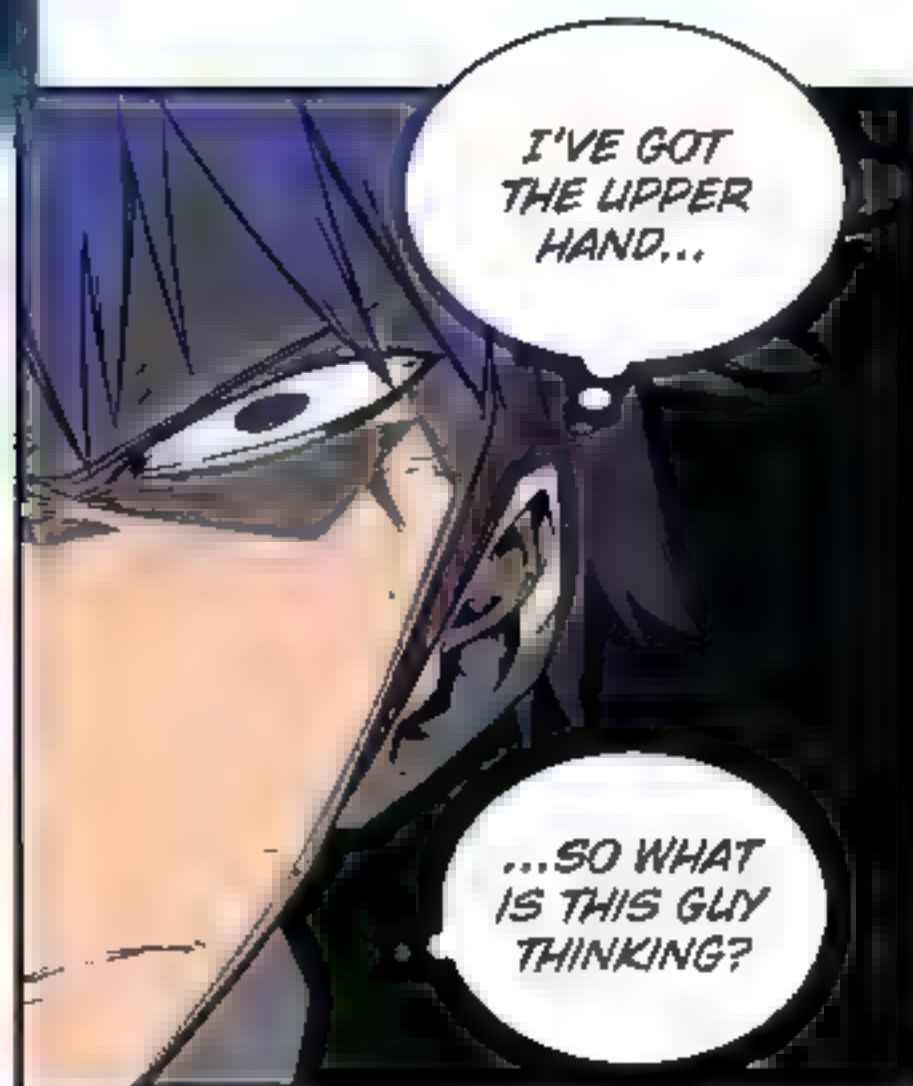
There are people present who want to kill the
Defeat them all and ensure your safety.
If you do not complete this quest,
your heart will stop.
Number of enemies to defeat:
Number of enemies defeated: 0



HUH...THE
SYSTEM IS
ASKING ME TO
KILL AGAIN.

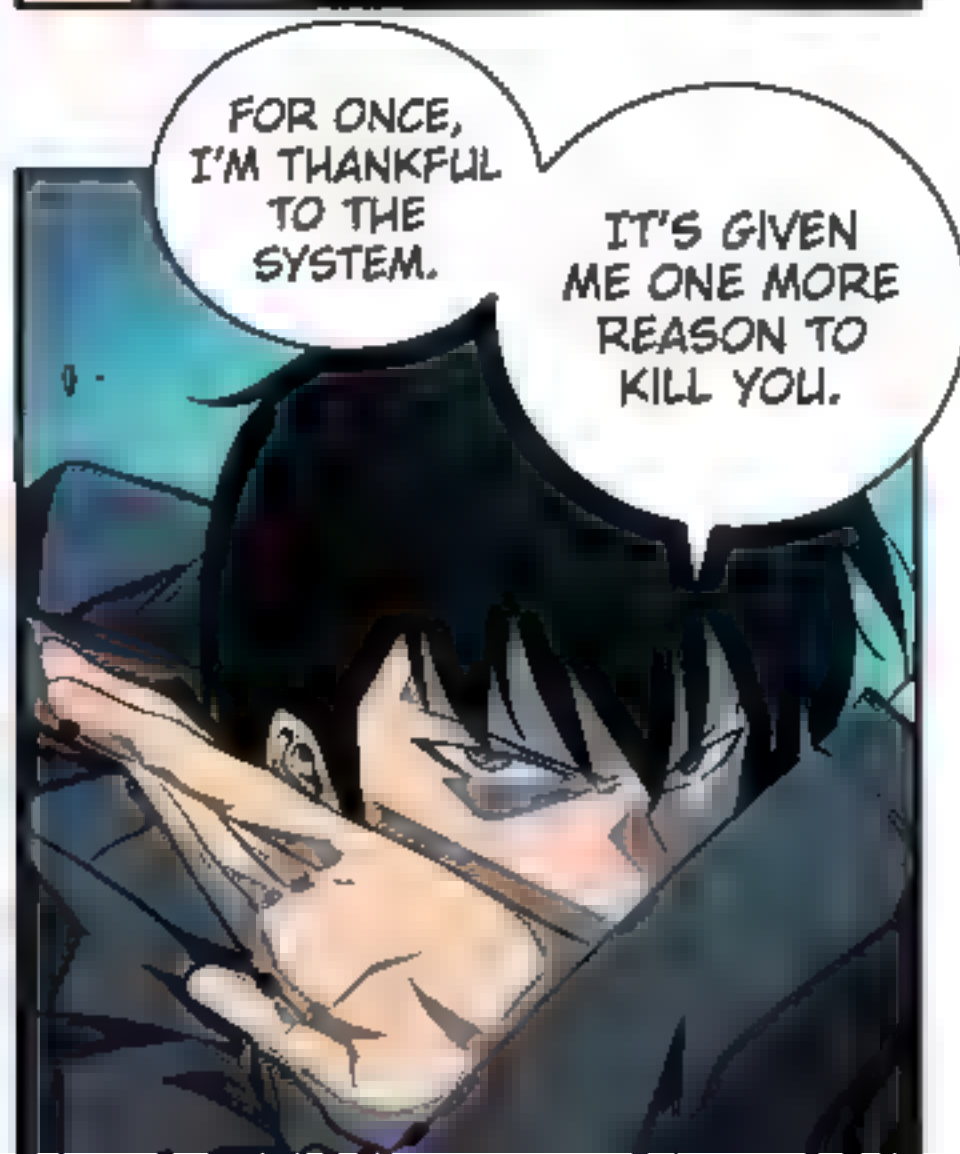


GET READY.



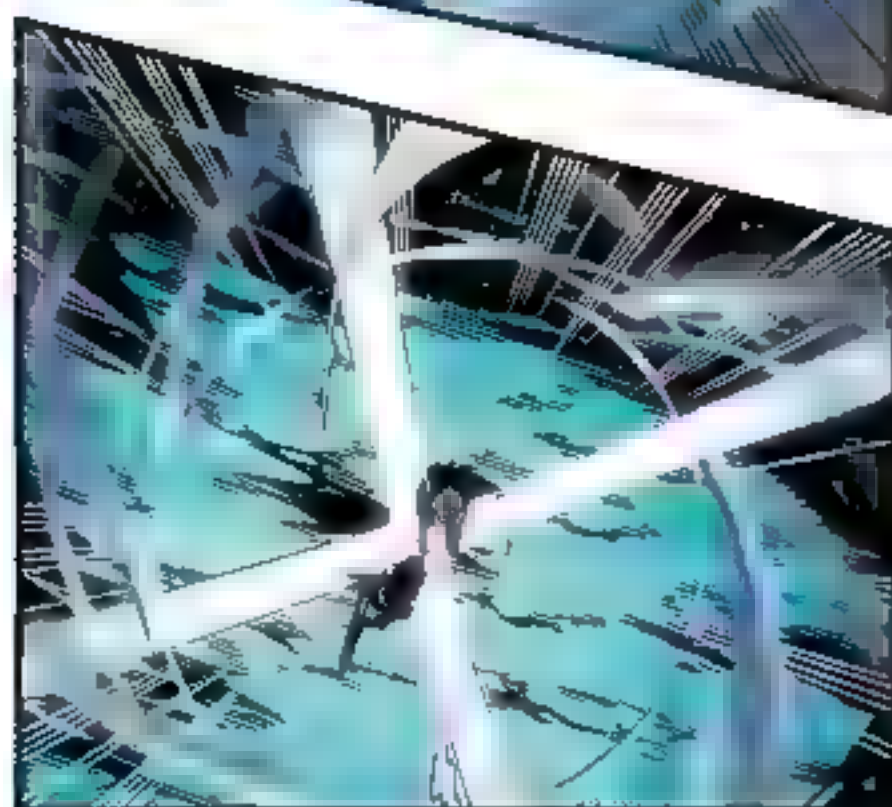
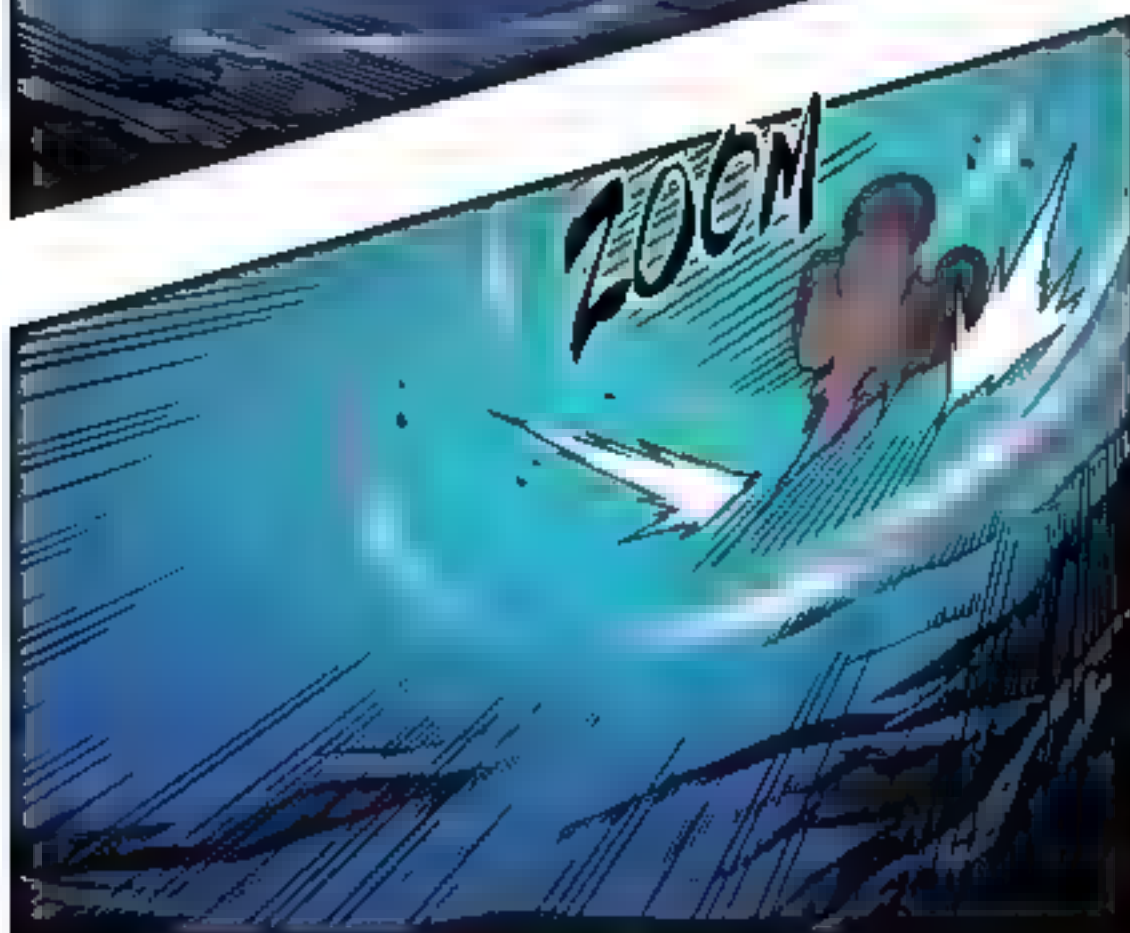
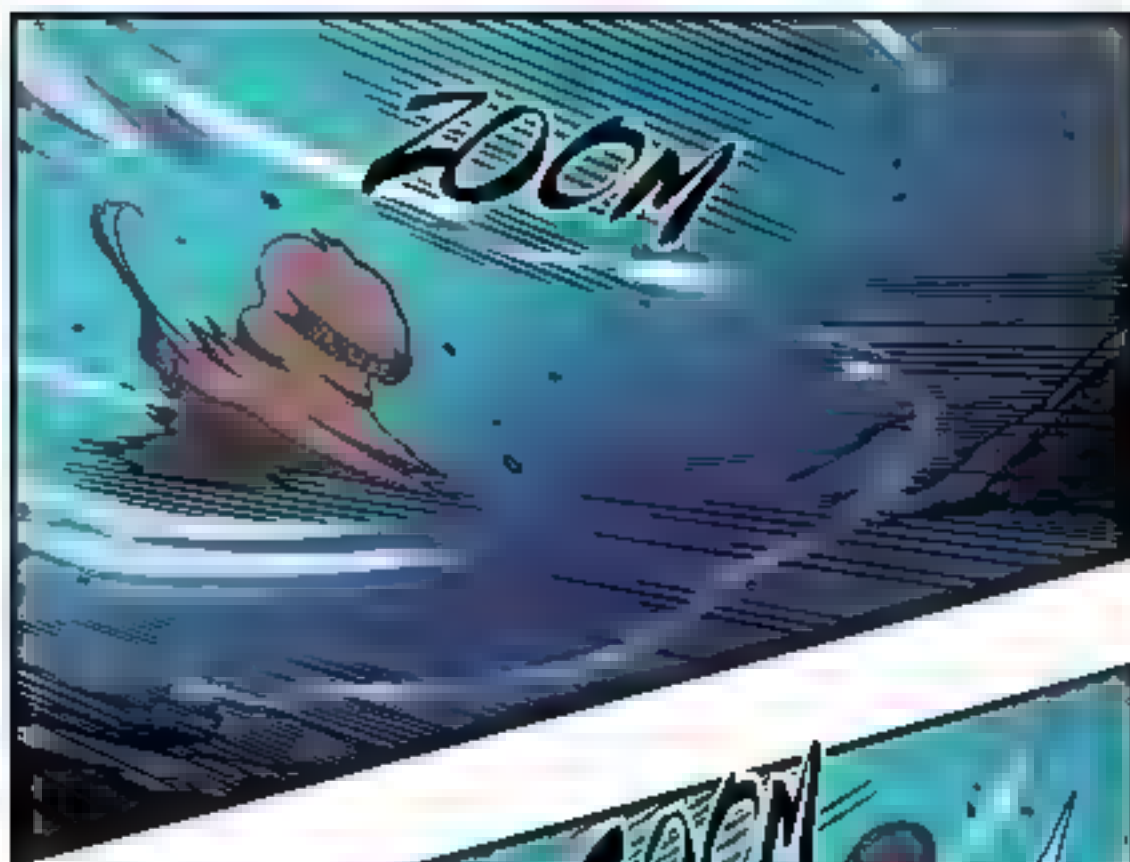
I'VE GOT
THE UPPER
HAND...

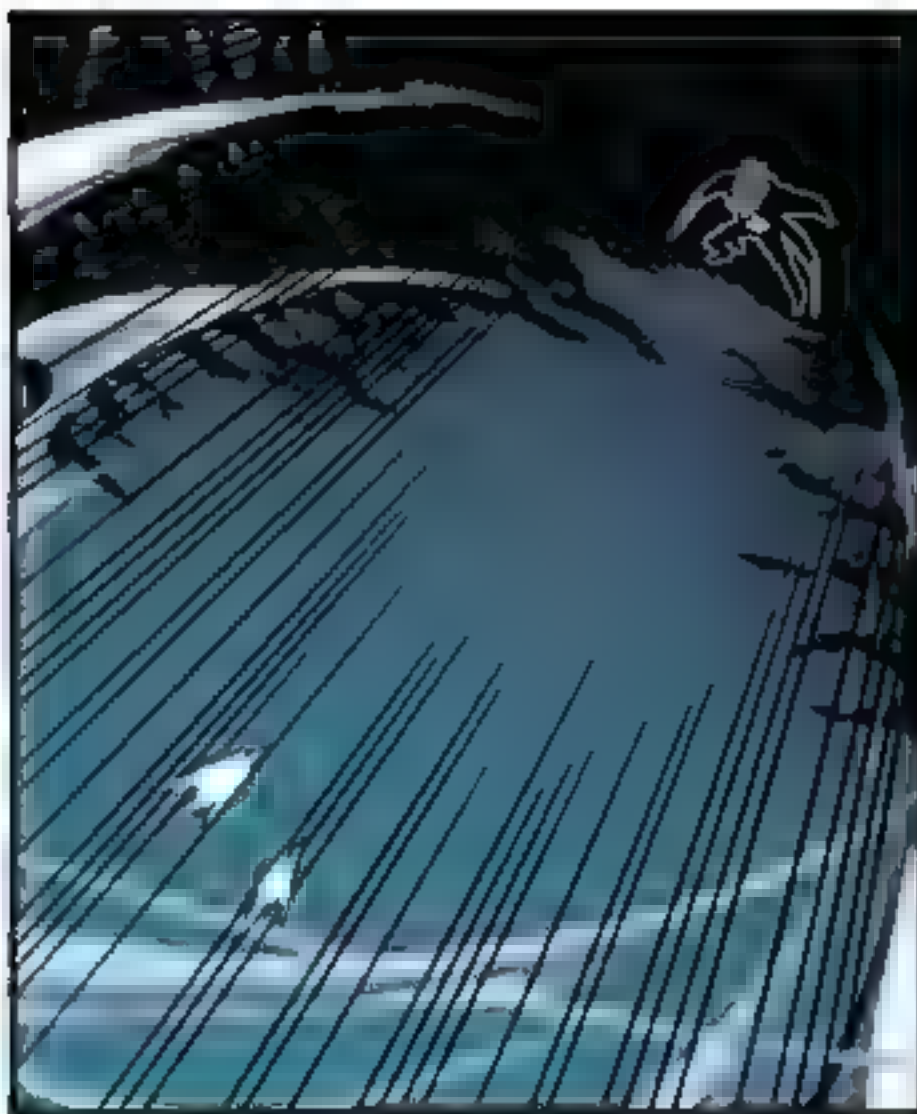
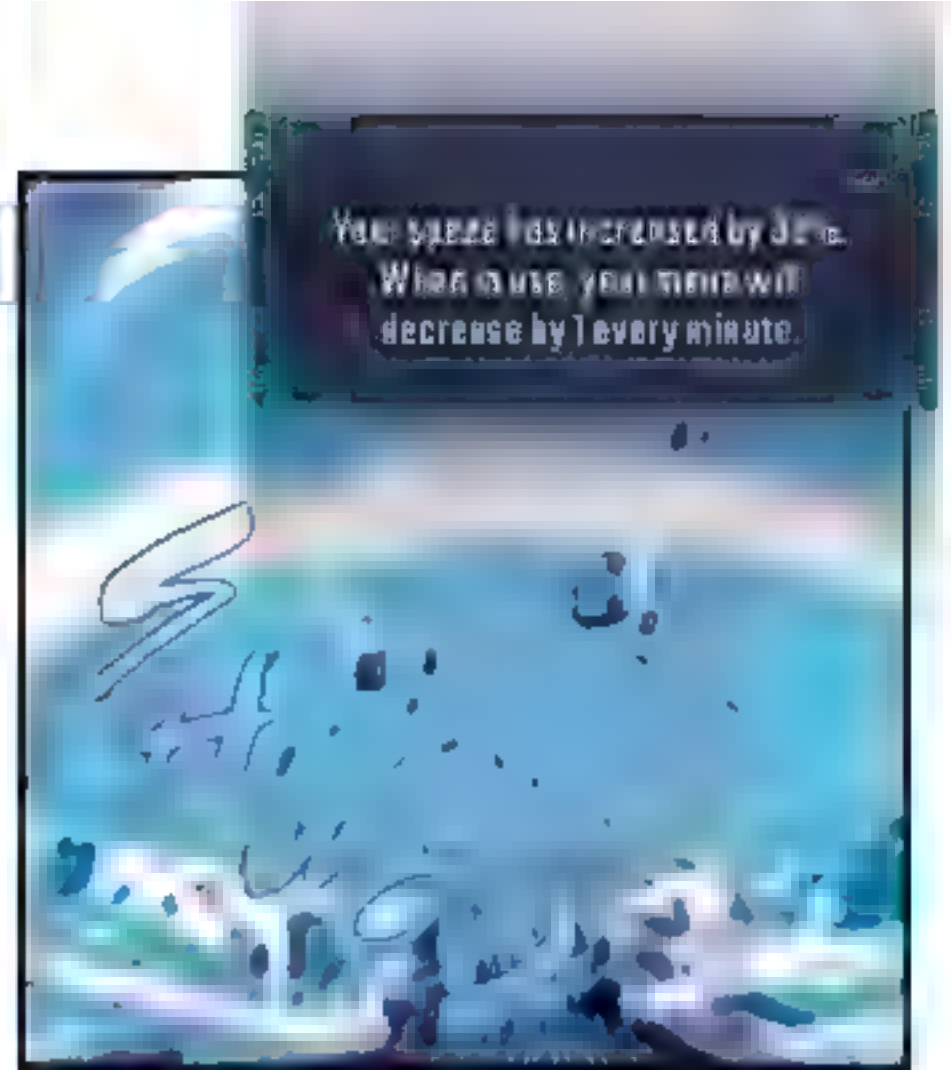
...SO WHAT
IS THIS GUY
THINKING?

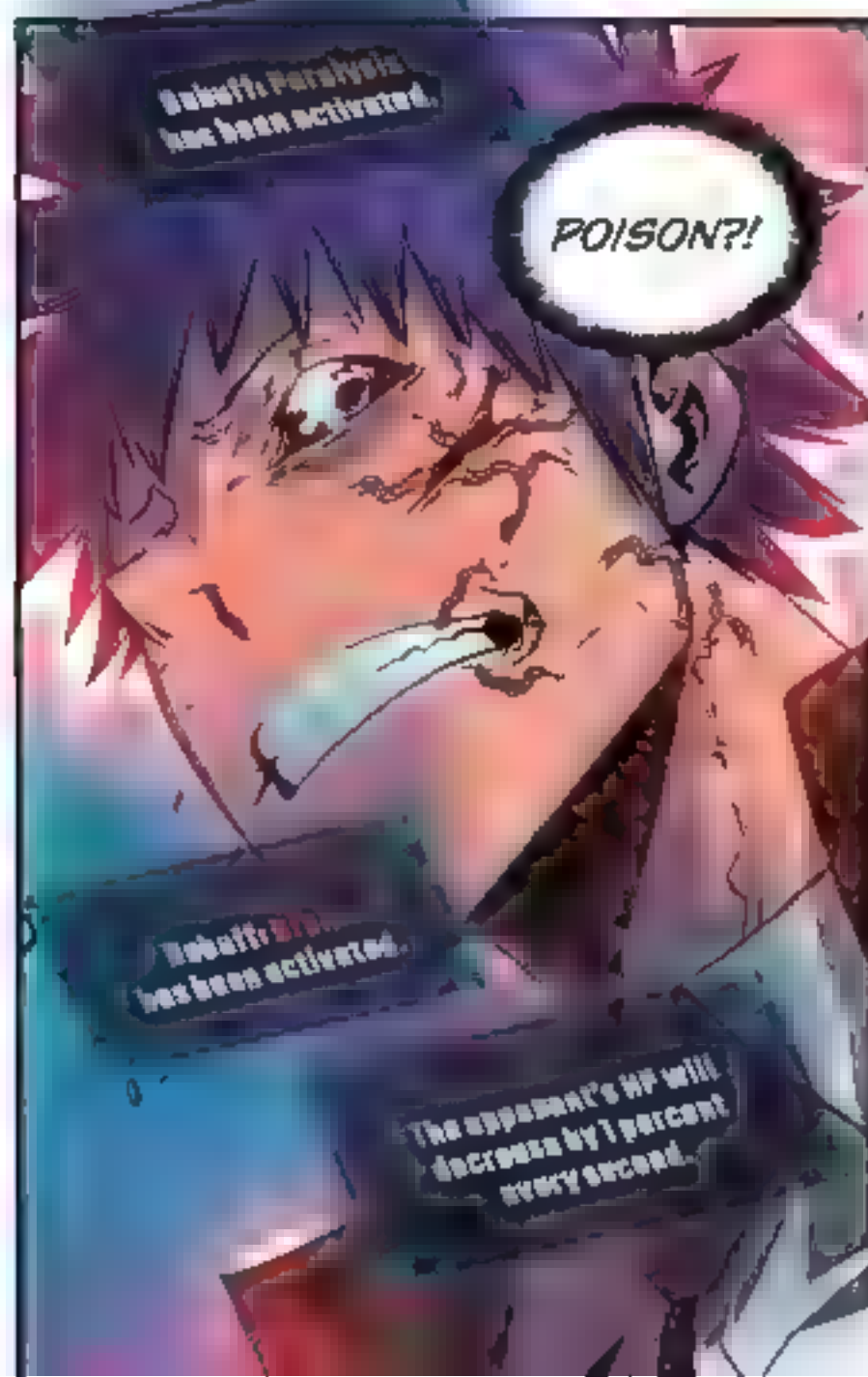
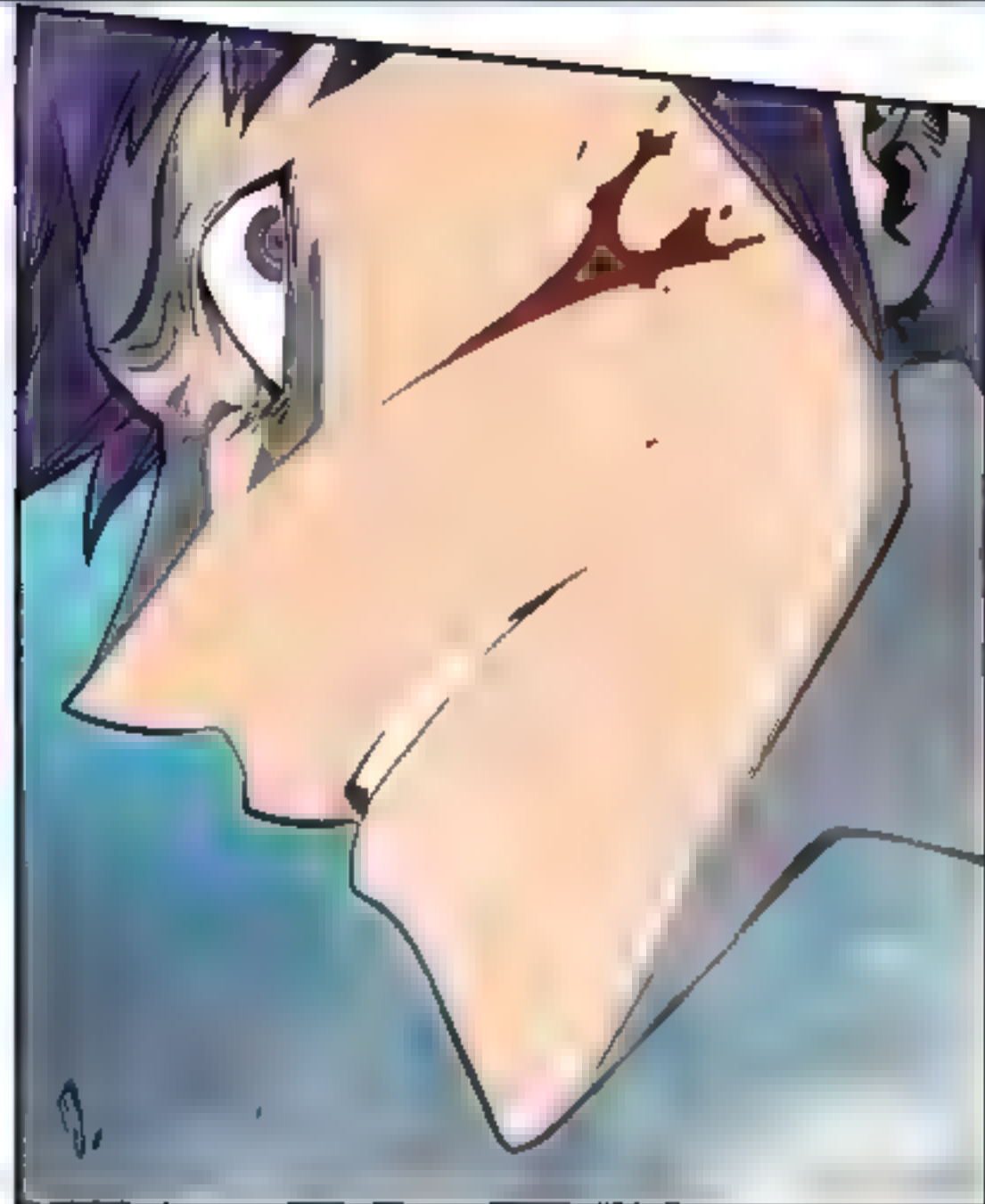


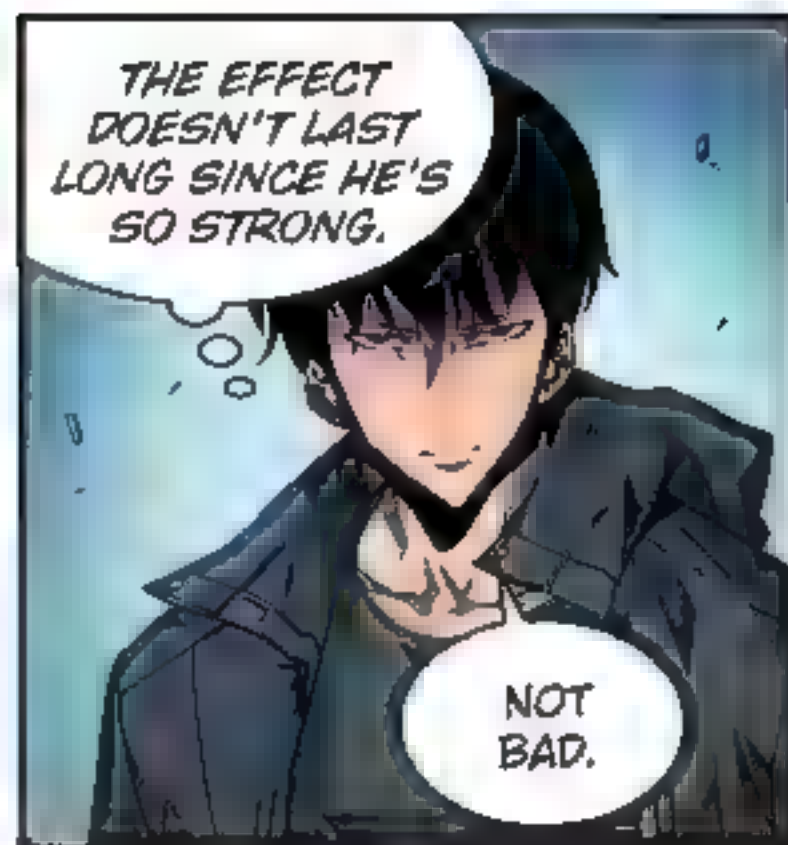
FOR ONCE,
I'M THANKFUL
TO THE
SYSTEM.

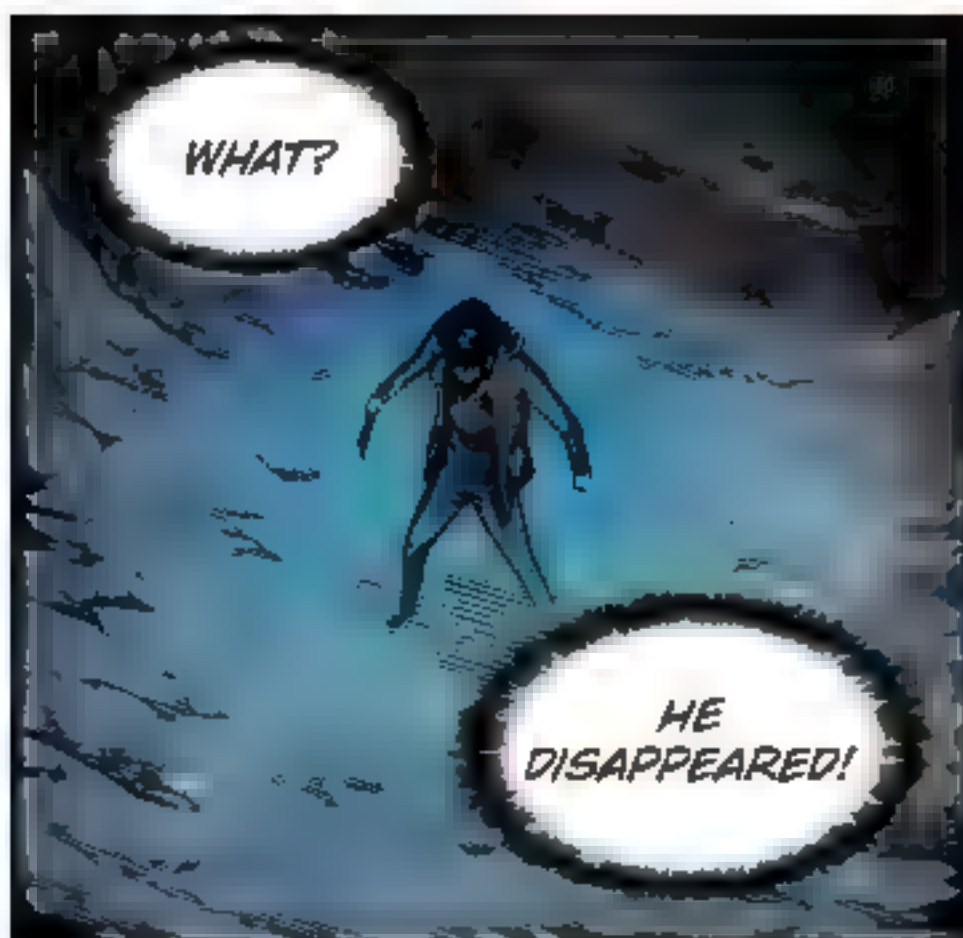
IT'S GIVEN
ME ONE MORE
REASON TO
KILL YOU.











STEALTH
SKILL.

I MUTE
MY SOUND,
SCENT, AND
PRESENCE.

ONLY
A SELECT FEW
ASSASSIN
HUNTERS CAN
USE THIS.

OF COURSE,
NO ONE KNOWS
I HAVE IT.

BECAUSE...NO
ONE'S LIVED LONG
ENOUGH TO TELL
THE TALE!

ZOOM

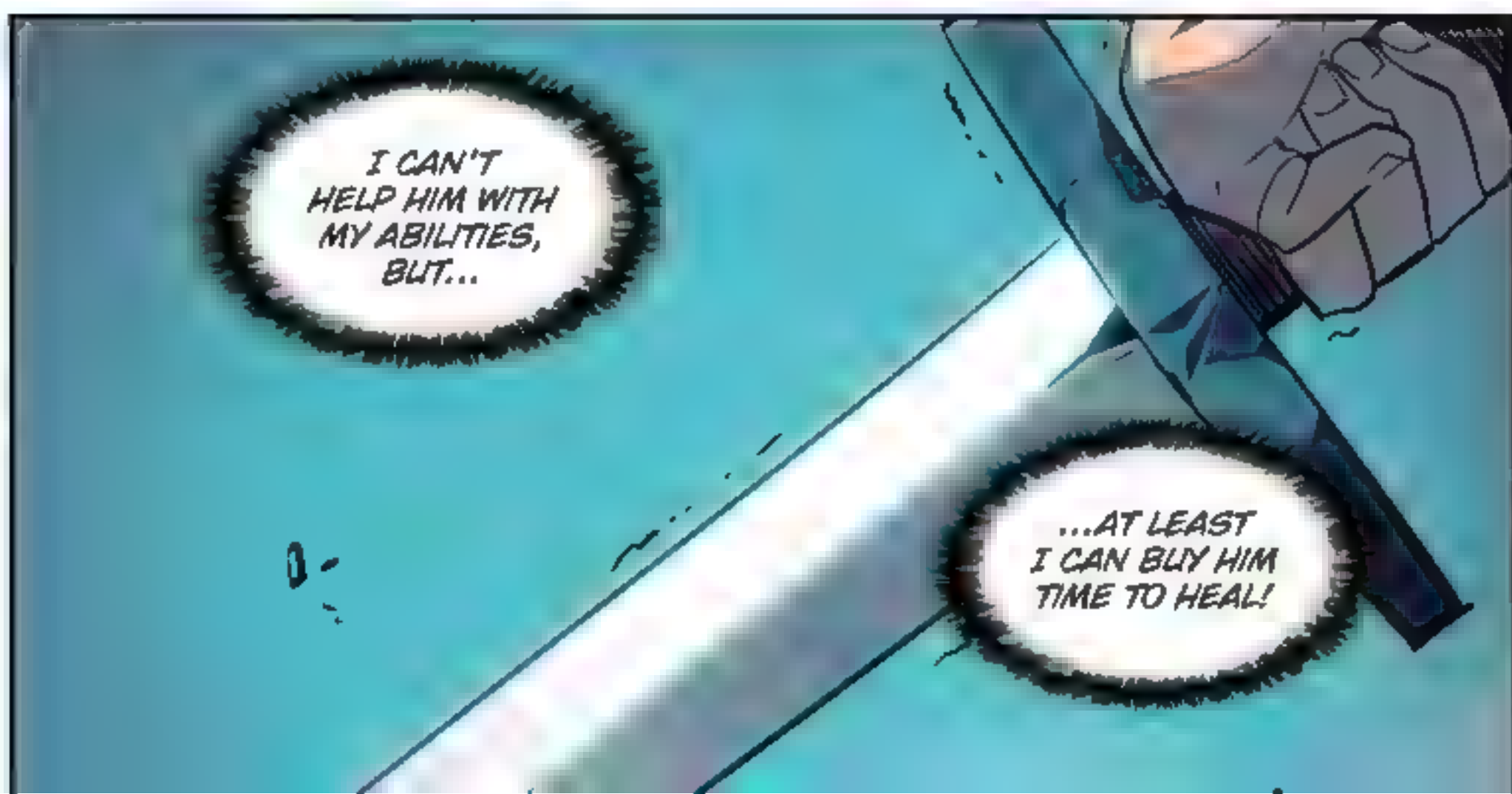
I SEVERED
A TENDON.

YOU COULD
RECOVER IF YOU
GOT IMMEDIATE
CARE FOR YOUR
WOUND...

...BUT FROM
THIS DISTANCE,
BASIC HEALING
MAGIC IS THE
BEST YOU CAN
GET.

JINWOO!!







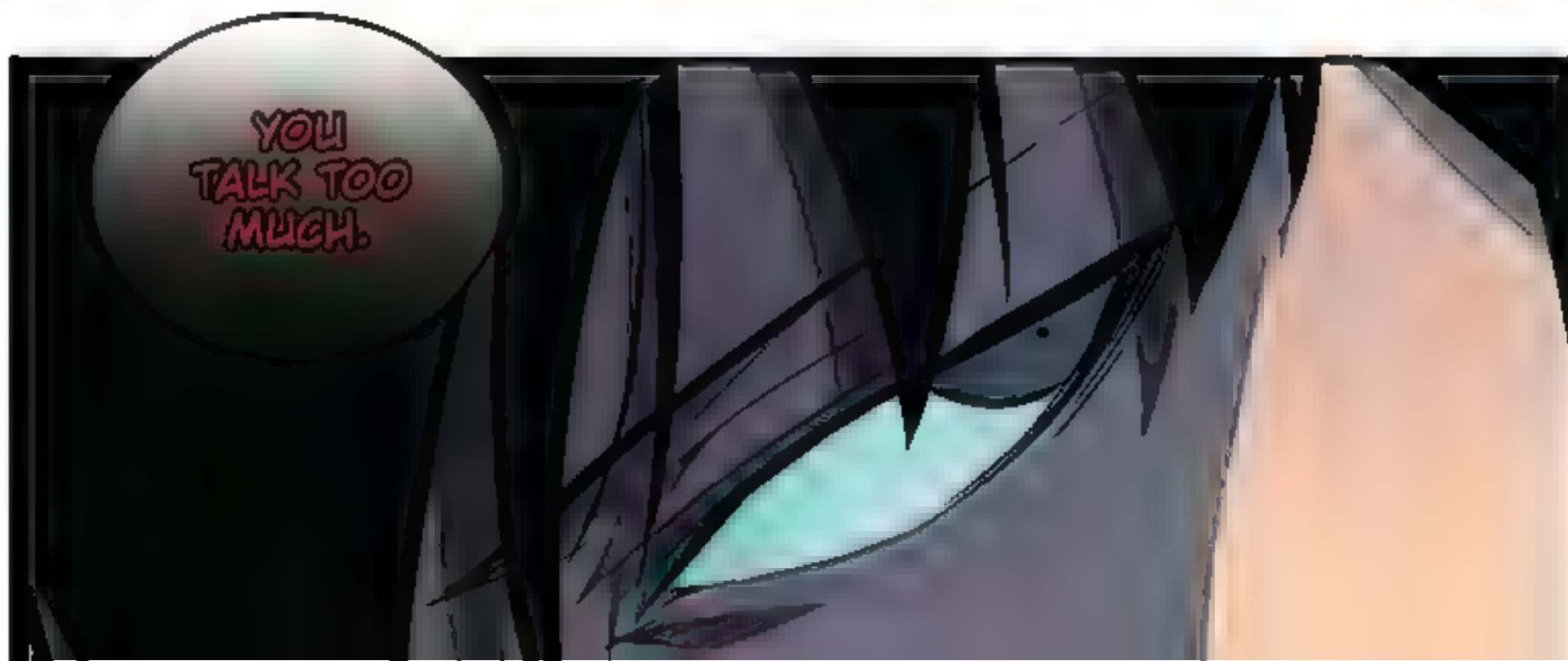
CAN YOUR
BODY WITHSTAND
ANY MORE OF MY
ATTACKS?

AT THE VERY
LEAST, YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO HIT
TOP SPEED.

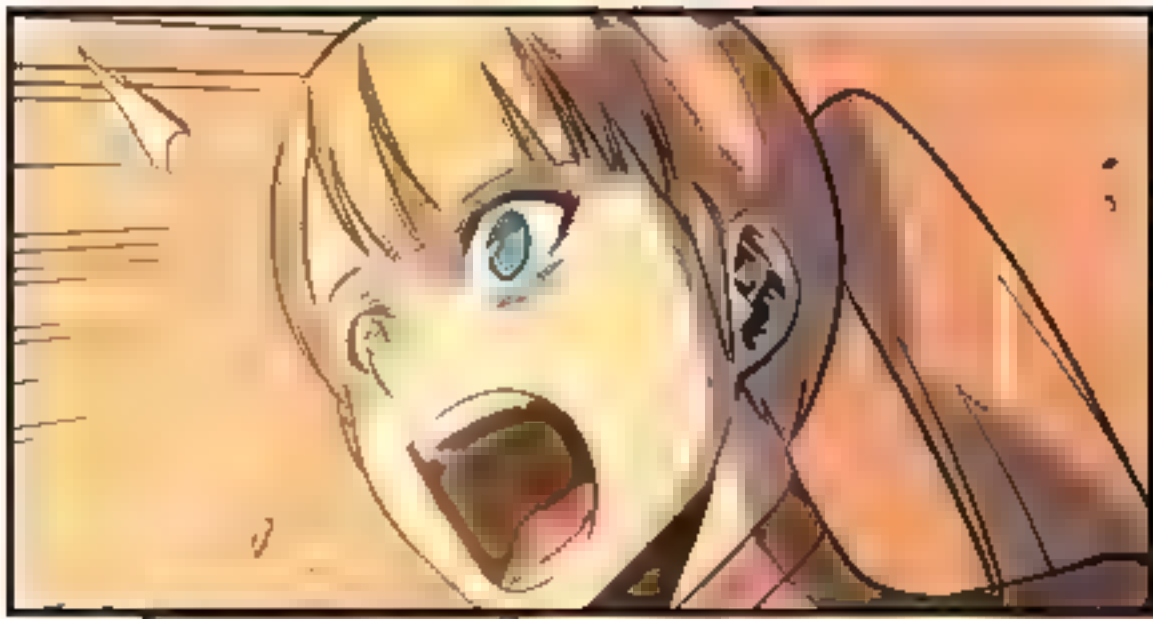


HOW
MANY MINUTES
UNTIL...

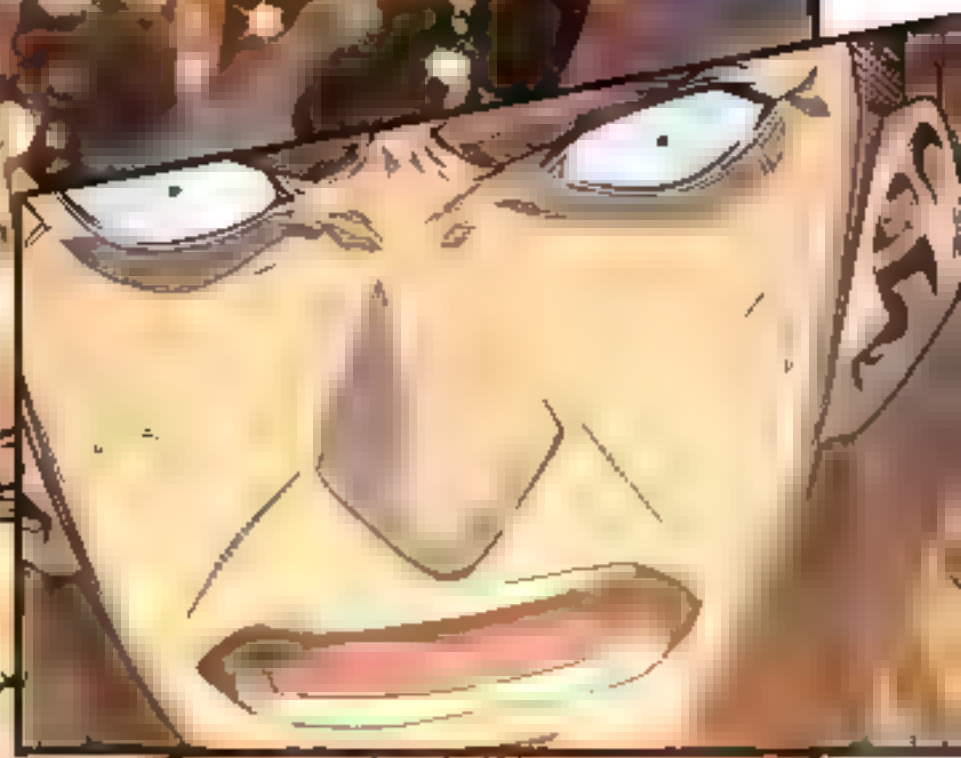
...YOUR LEG
HEALS?



YOU
TALK TOO
MUCH.



FULL
RECOVERY.





?!

HE RECOVERED
IN THE BLINK OF
AN EYE?!



ISN'T HE
AN ASSASSIN
TYPE LIKE
ME?

OR ARE THERE
DEALERS WHO
CAN USE HEALING
MAGIC TOO?!

THERE'S A
LIMIT TO STEALTH.
TRY SOMETHING
ELSE.



IS
THIS A
TRICK?

OR IS HE
BLUFFING?

HOW MANY
TIMES CAN
HE USE THAT
SPELL?

I HAVE
NO CLUE.



THIS IS ONE
DANGEROUS
BASTARD.

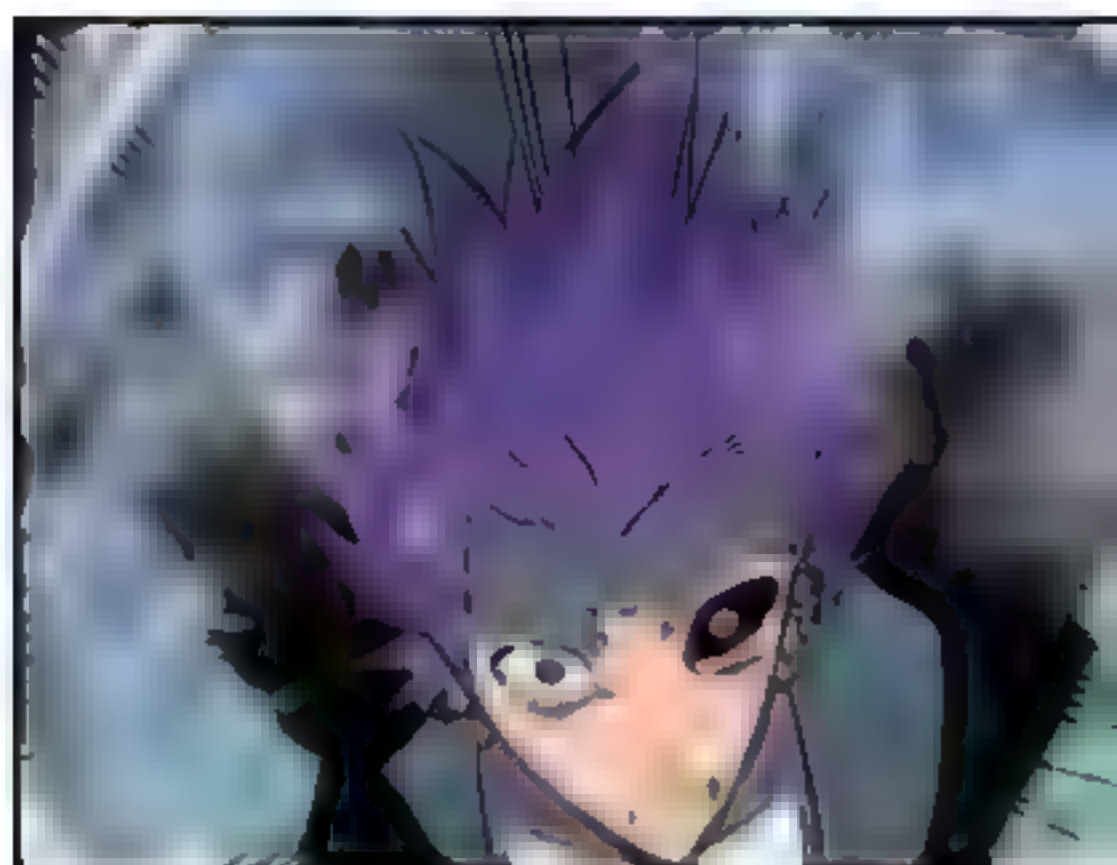


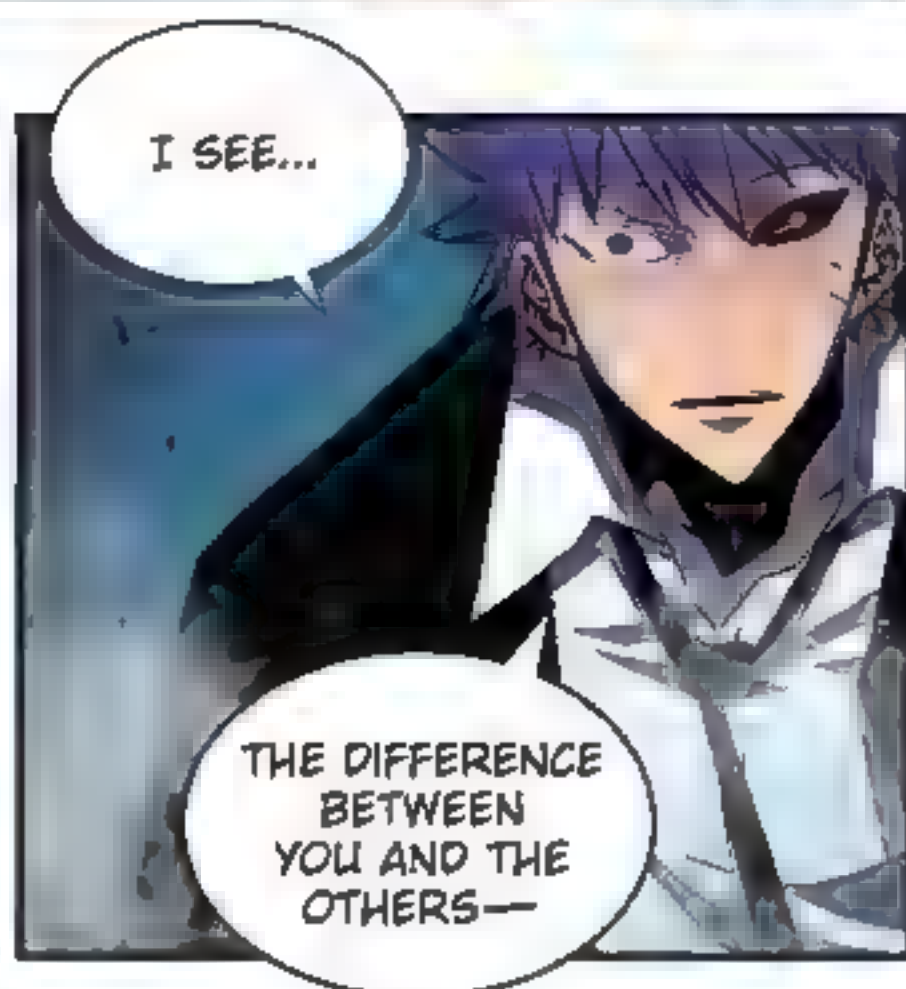
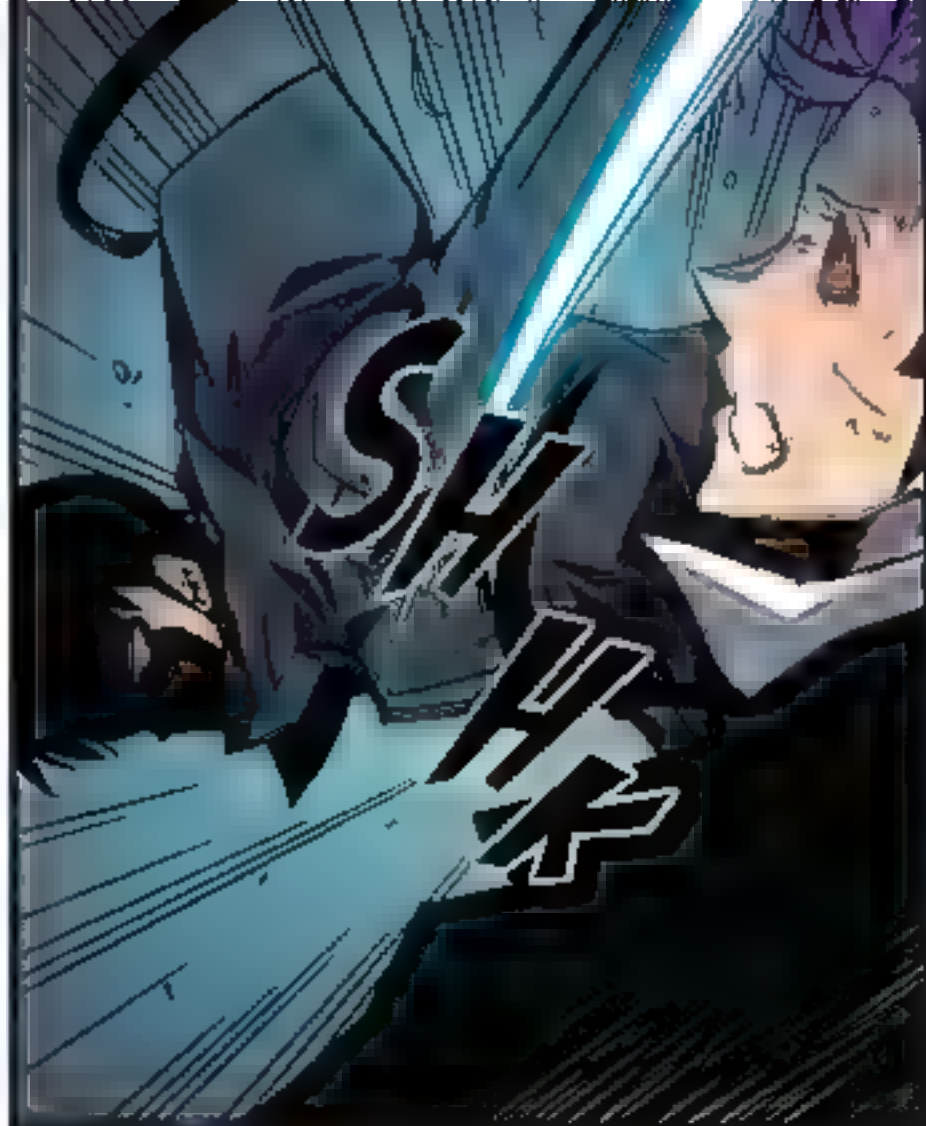
SOMETHING
INSIDE ME...

...HAS DIED AGAIN.



BEING
ANGRY AT AN
ASSHOLE LIKE YOU
IS A WASTE OF
ENERGY.



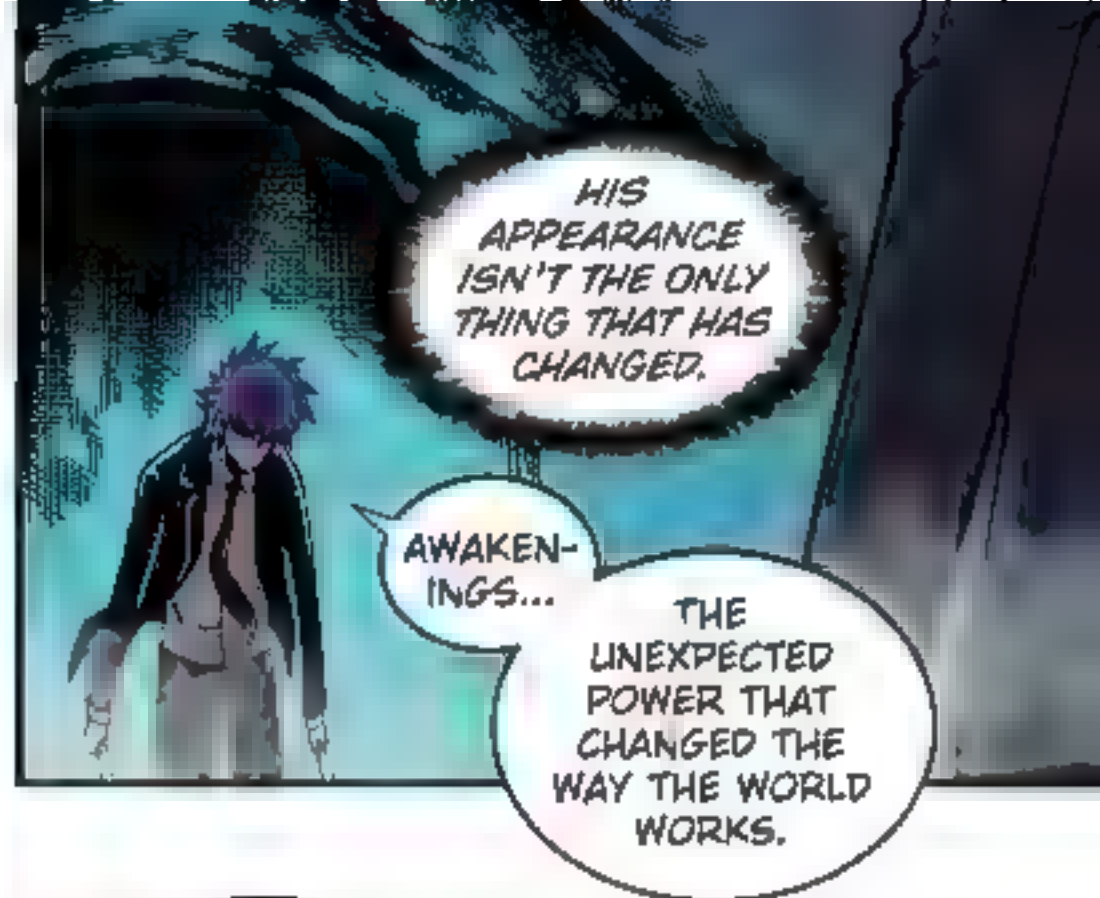




ALL THOSE
LIFE-AND-DEATH
EXPERIENCES...

...RISKING HIS
LIFE IN ORDER TO
END SOMEONE
ELSE'S...

SLUNG HAS
MADE SOME
TOUGH CHOICES
LATELY.



HIS
APPEARANCE
ISN'T THE ONLY
THING THAT HAS
CHANGED.

AWAKEN-
INGS...

THE
UNEXPECTED
POWER THAT
CHANGED THE
WAY THE WORLD
WORKS.



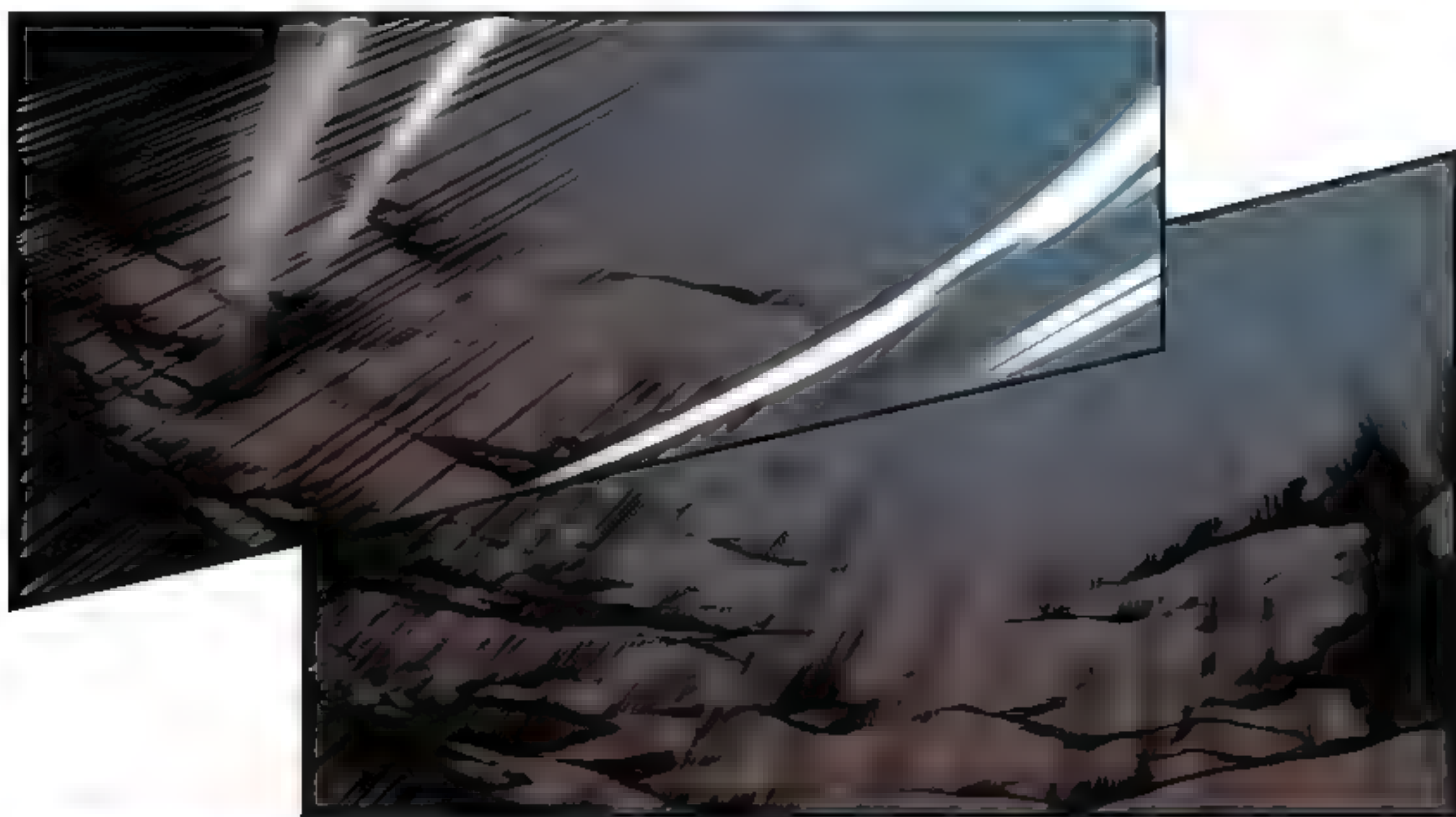
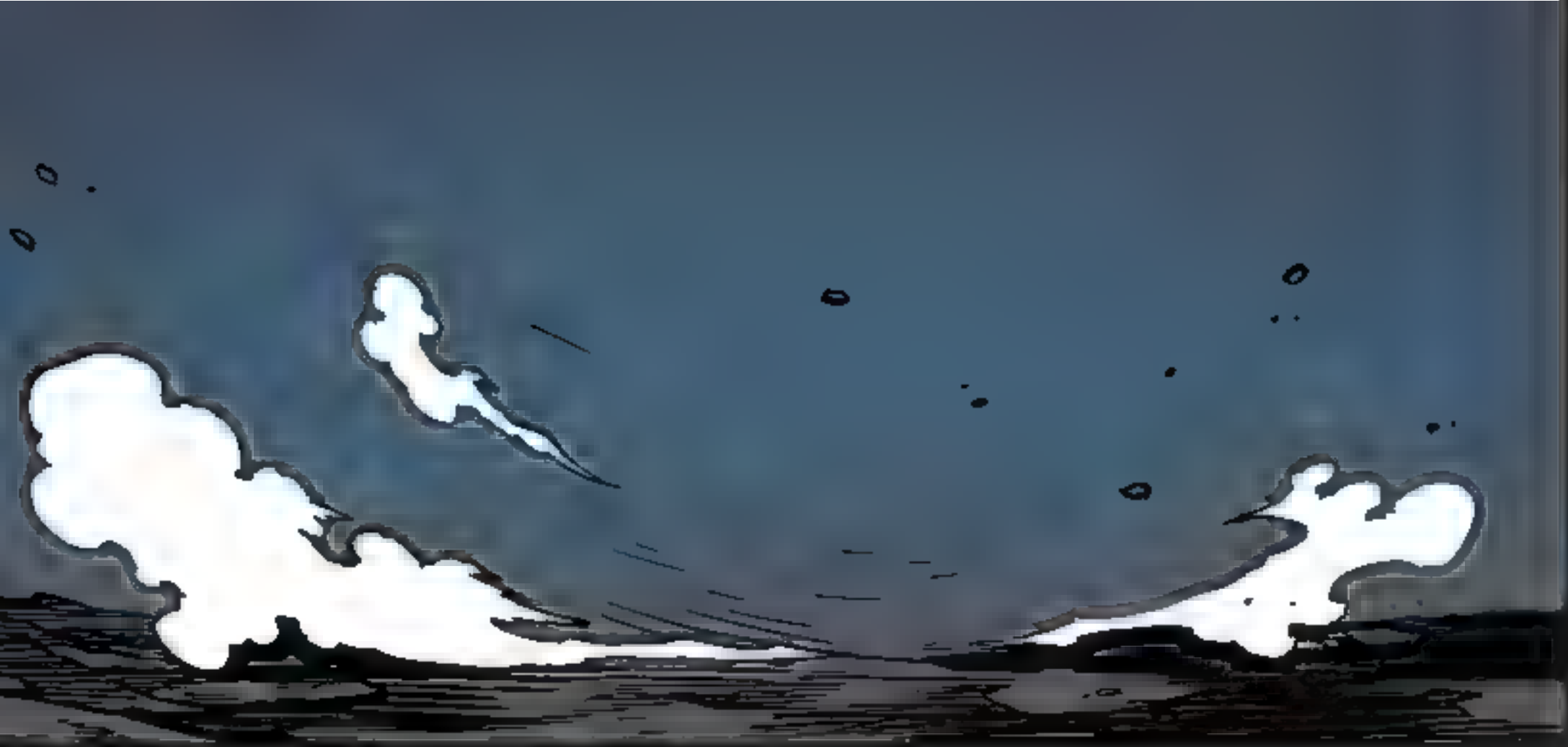
NEW RULES
WERE CREATED
ESPECIALLY FOR
HUNTERS...

...UNBURDENING
THEM OF LAWS
AND MORALITY.

POWER
RULES.



SO I'M
GIVING IT
MY ALL.







AHA.

THAT'S
HOW HE SEES
THROUGH
STEALTH.

STEALTH
CONCEALS MY
PRESENCE, BUT
WHEN I ATTACK, HE
PICKS UP A TRACE
OF MY HOSTILE
ENERGY.

HE WAITS
FOR THAT
MOMENT.

BUT
THERE'S NO
WAY HE KNOWS
EXACTLY WHERE
TO STRIKE.

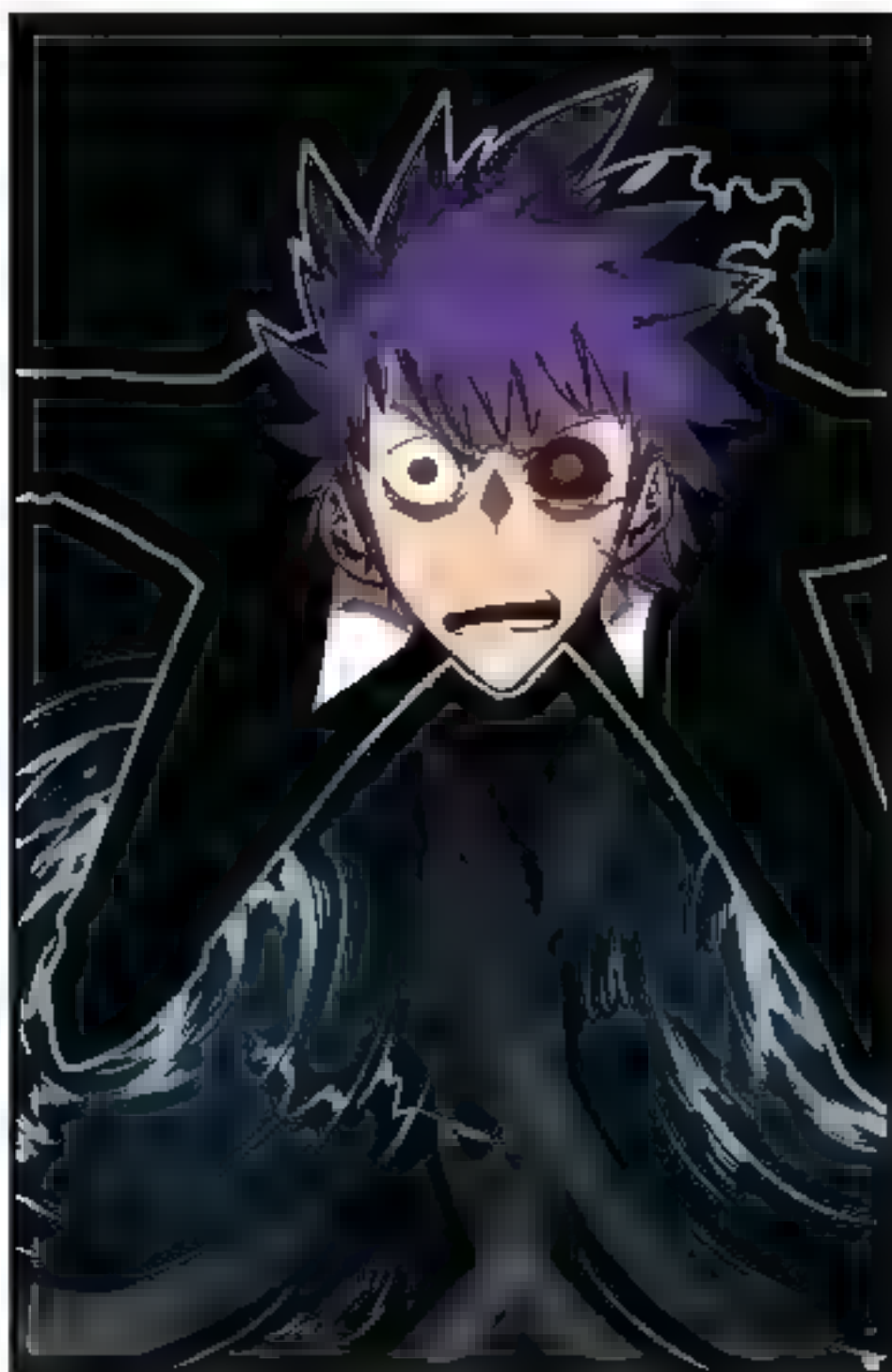


GOTTA
BREAK HIS
BALANCE.



[Skill: ~~Murderous Intent~~]
has been activated.

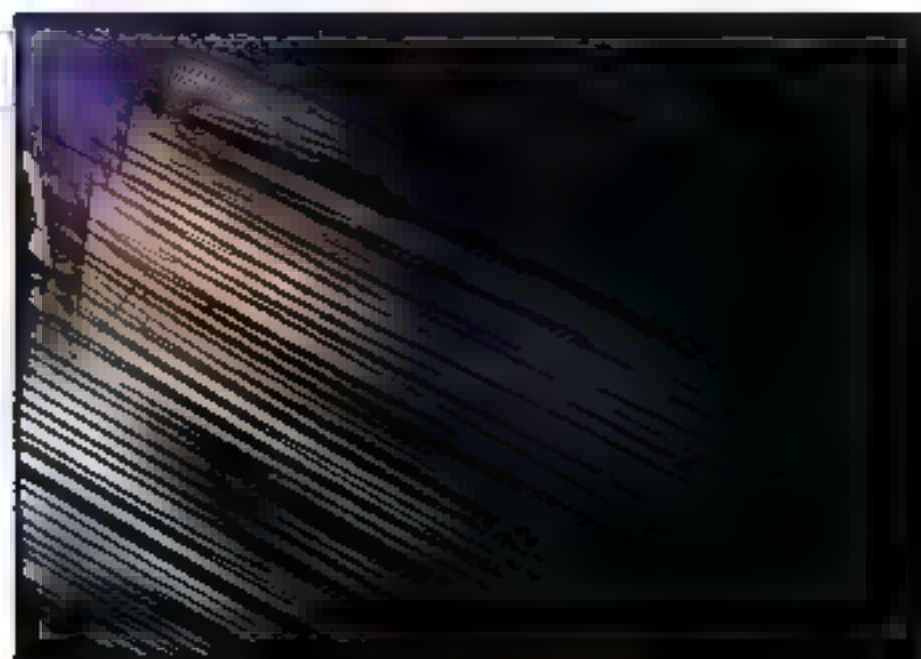
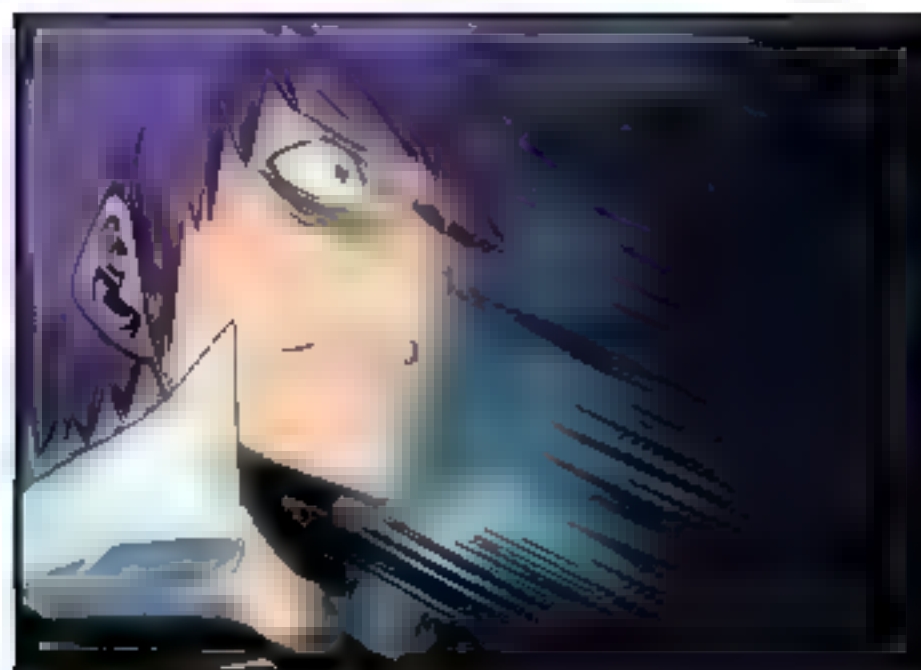






THIS DARKNESS
BEFORE MY EYES...

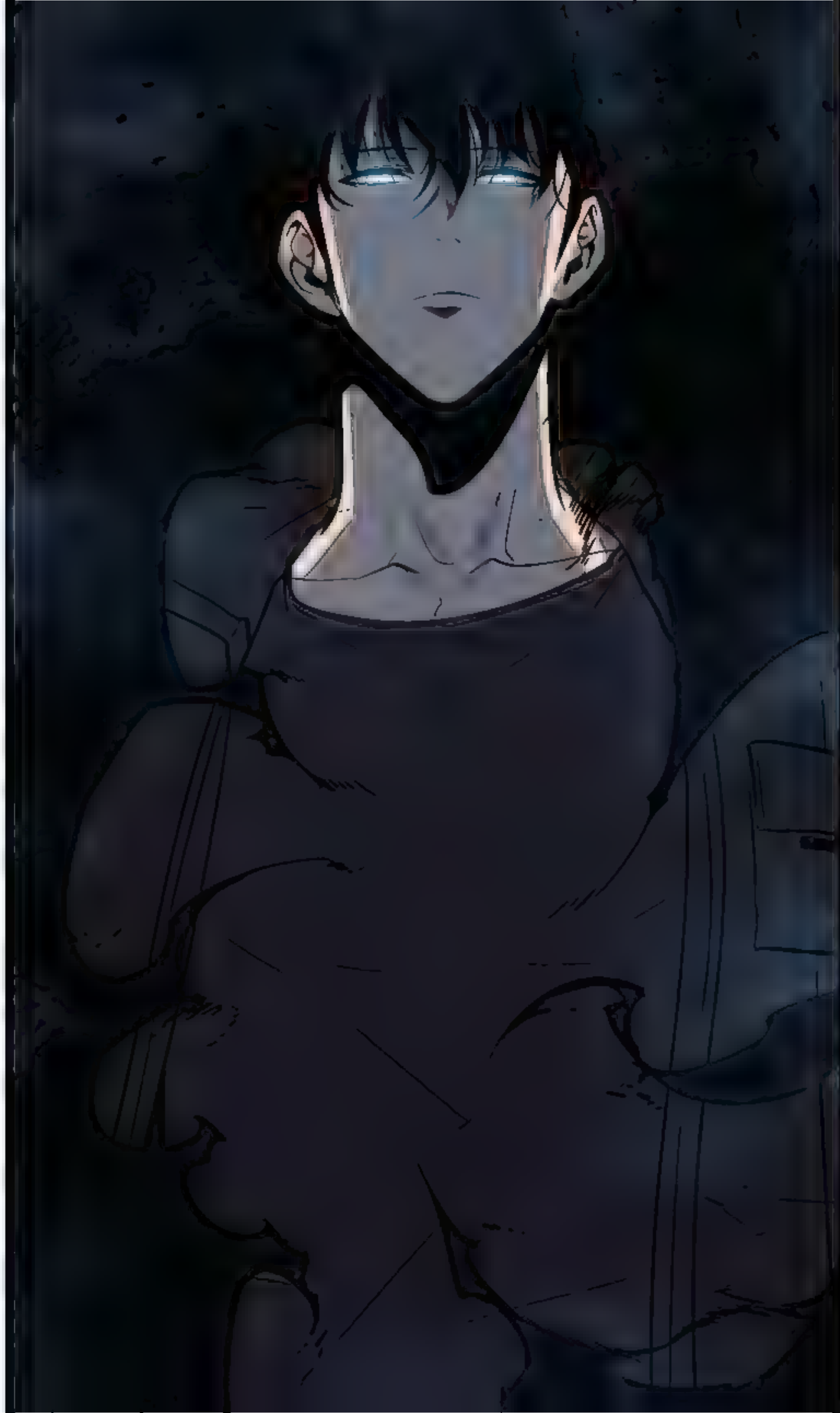
IS IT HIS
SHADOW?



WH-WHAT
ARE YOU...?



BLRK!



**HE WHO FIGHTS WITH
MONSTERS...**

**...MIGHT TAKE
CARE LEST HE THEREBY
BECOME A MONSTER.**

**AND IF YOU GAZE FOR
LONG INTO AN ABYSS...**

...THE ABYSS GAZES ALSO...

...INTO YOU.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

HUNTERS
ARE THOSE
WHO WITNESS
COUNTLESS
DEATHS AND
SURVIVE.

STRADDLING
THE LINE BETWEEN
LIFE AND DEATH, WE
NOT ONLY FIGHT
MAGIC BEASTS BUT
HUMANS TOO.

WE ARE
AMAZING KILLING
MACHINES.

YOU'RE NO
DIFFERENT.

HUNTERS ARE
NOT THE SAME
AS HUMANS,
ARE THEY?

SO...



...I'LL DIE
BECAUSE I
LOST.

POWER
RULES.



...JUST ONE
THING.

WHAT ARE
YOU?

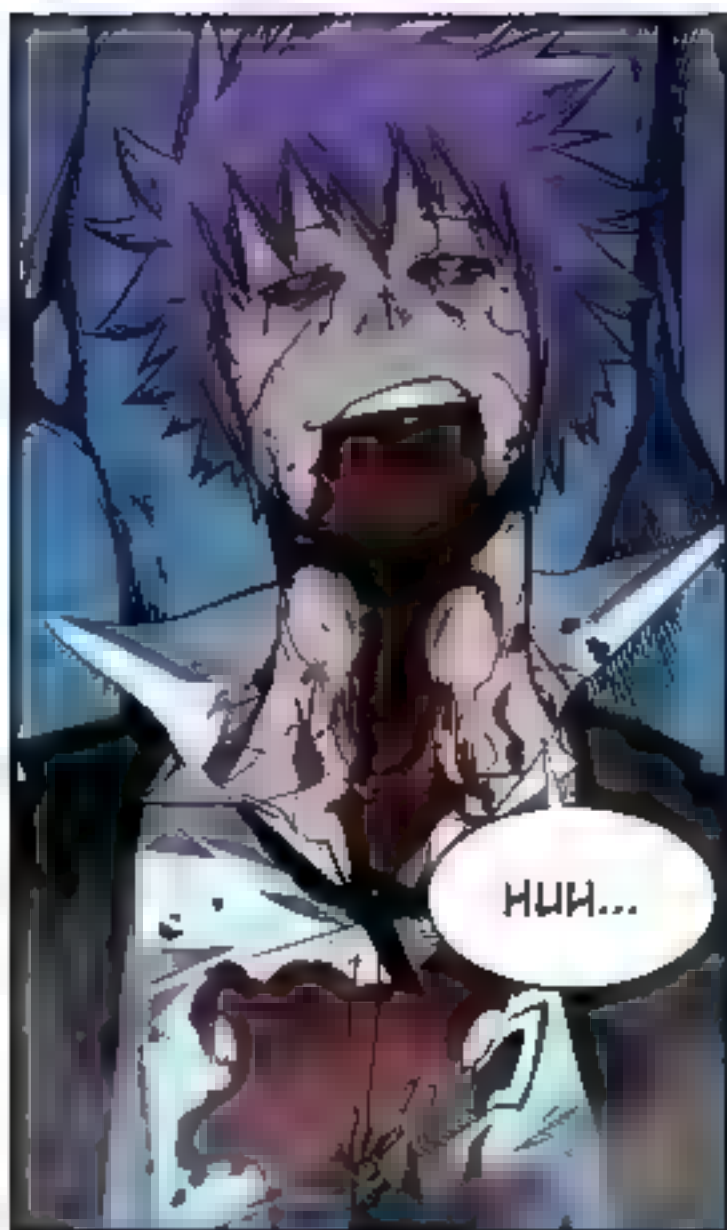
AN ASSASSIN
CLASS WITH
HEALING
MAGIC...

...AND DEBUFF
MAGIC? I'VE
NEVER HEARD OF
THAT POSSIBILITY
BEFORE.



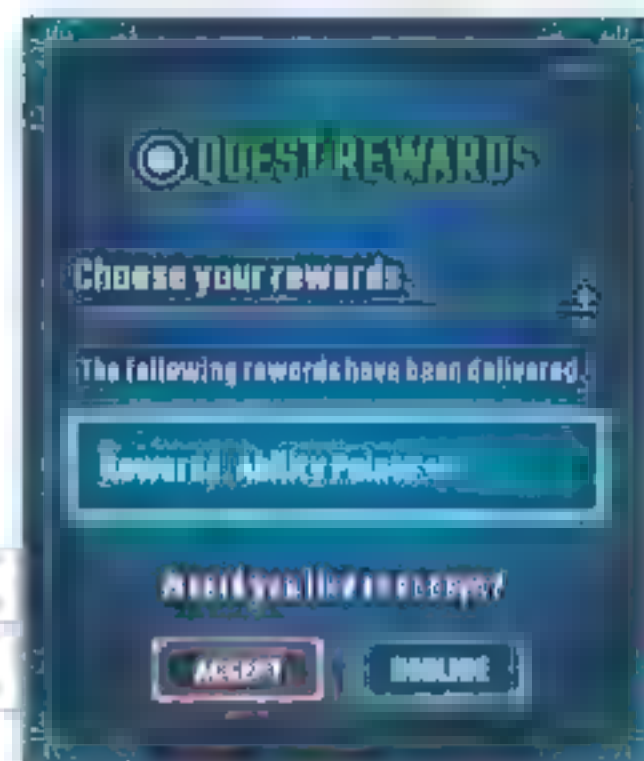
I'D
ACTUALLY
LIKE TO
KNOW THAT
MYSELF.



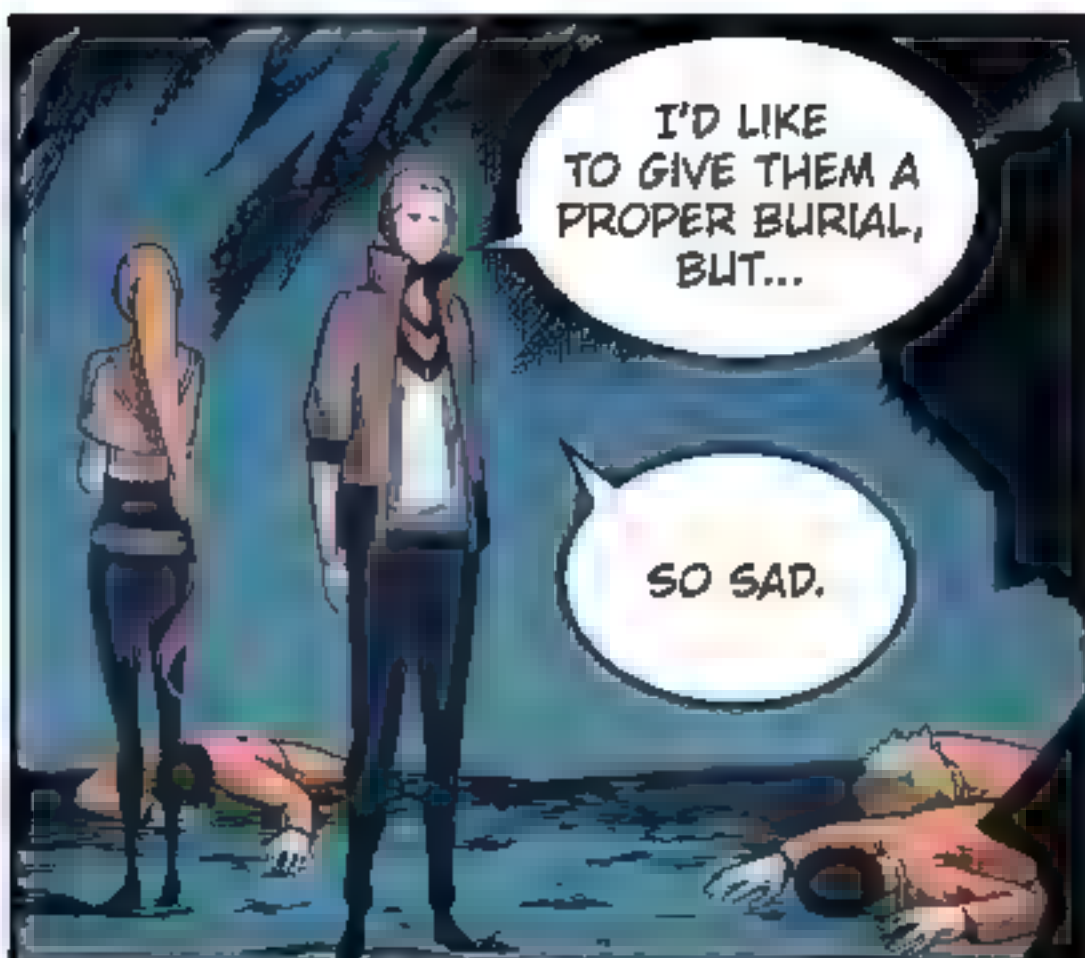
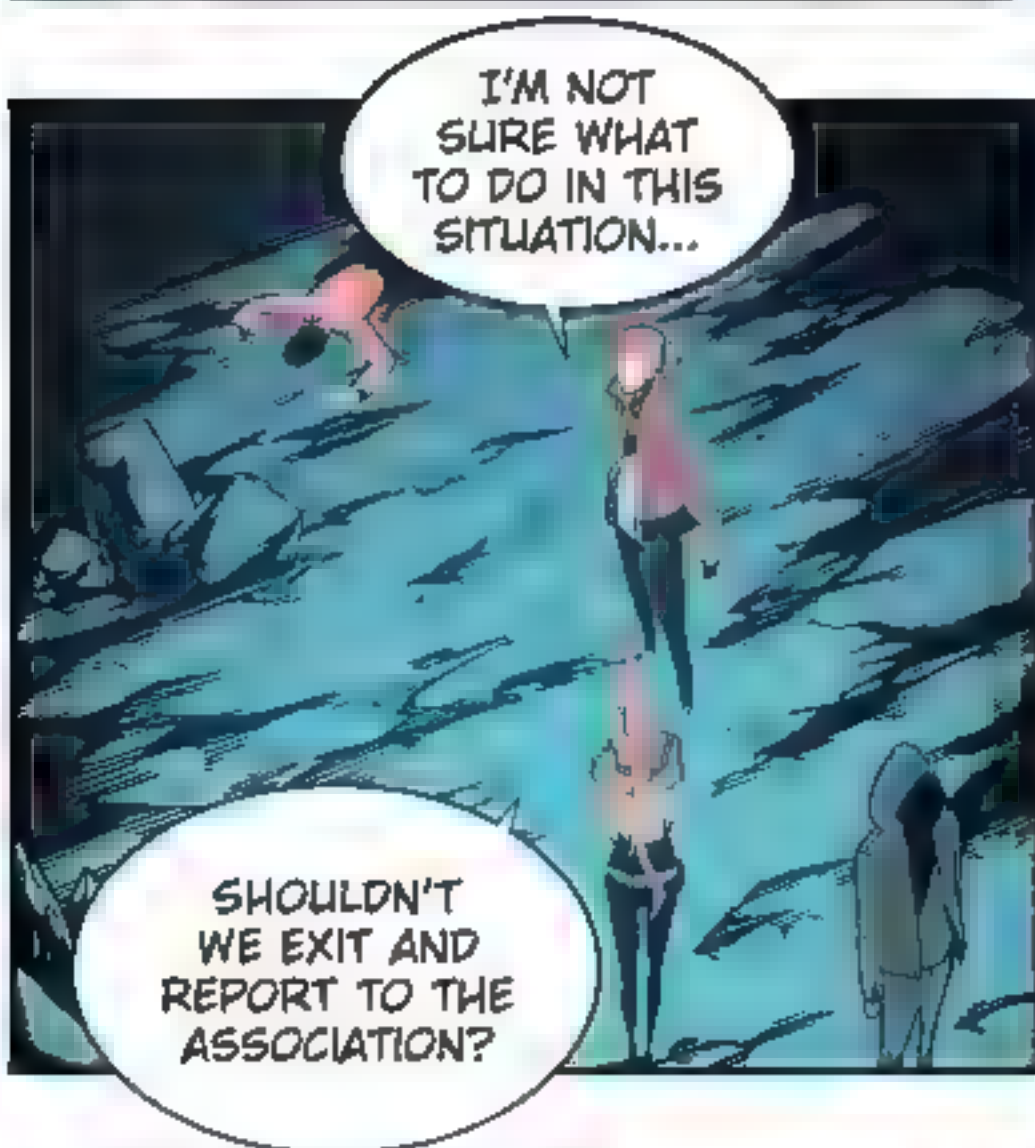
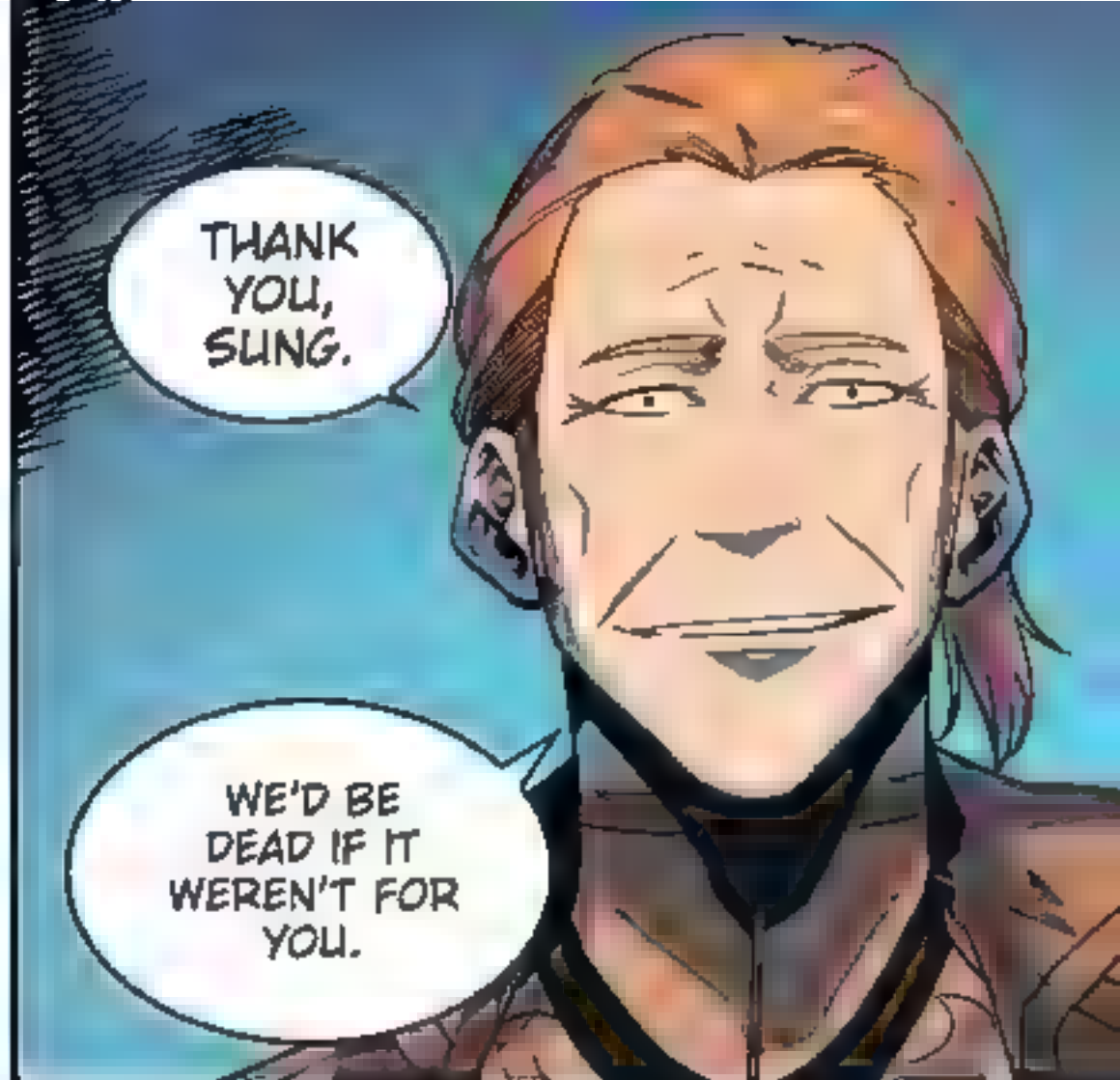


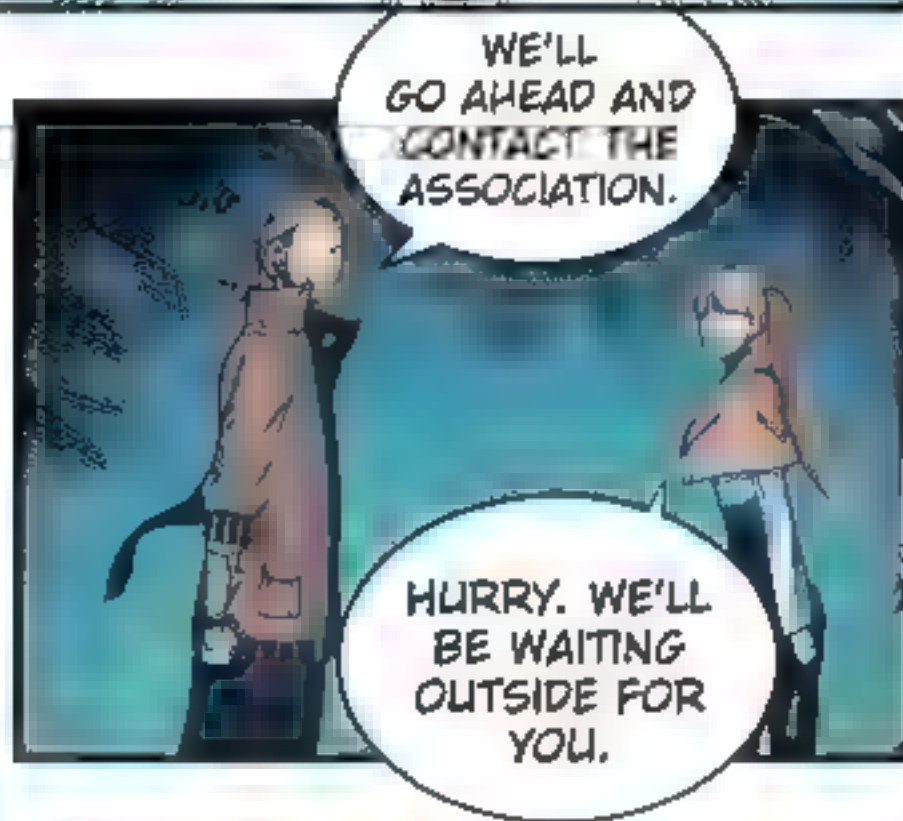
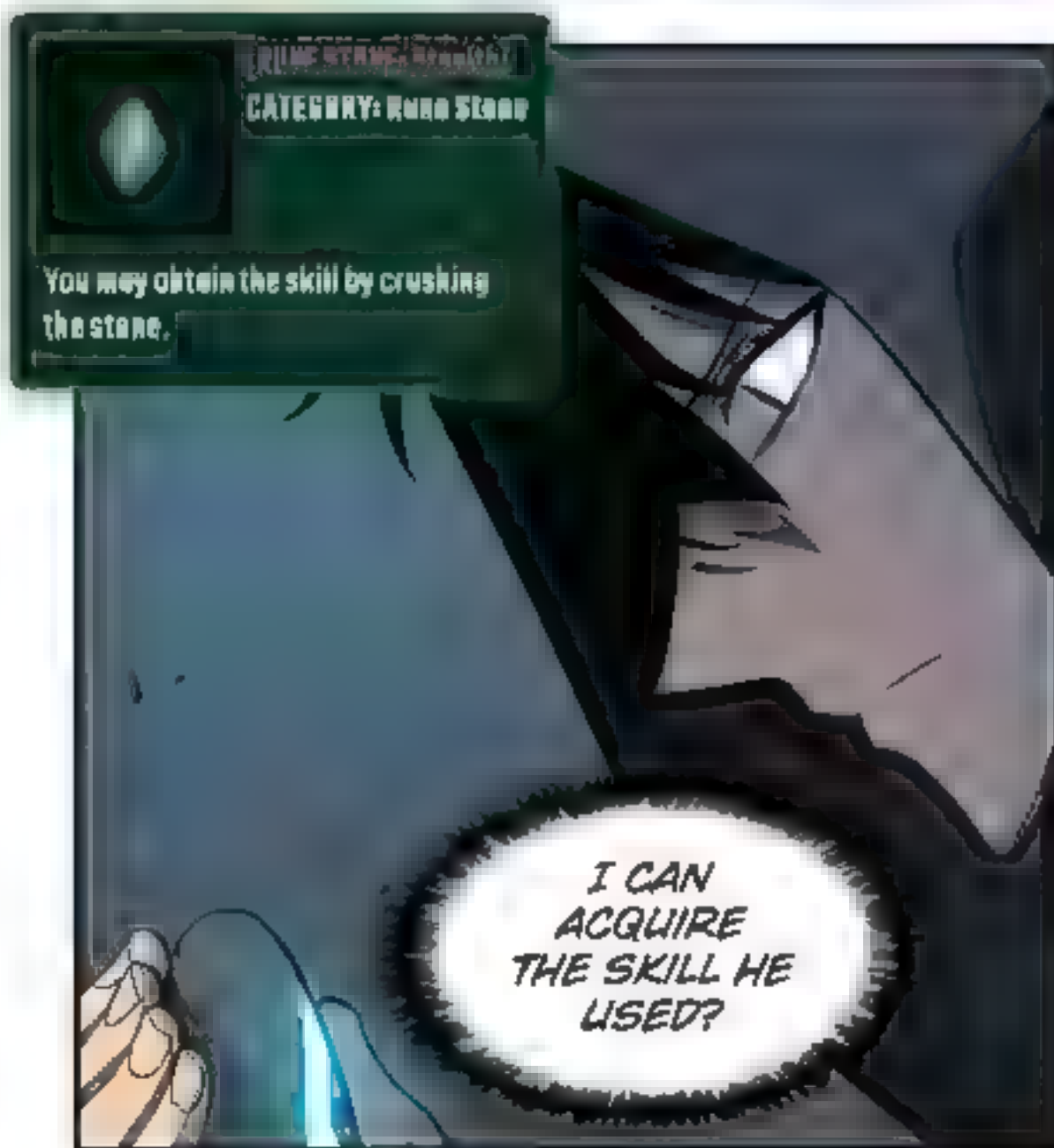
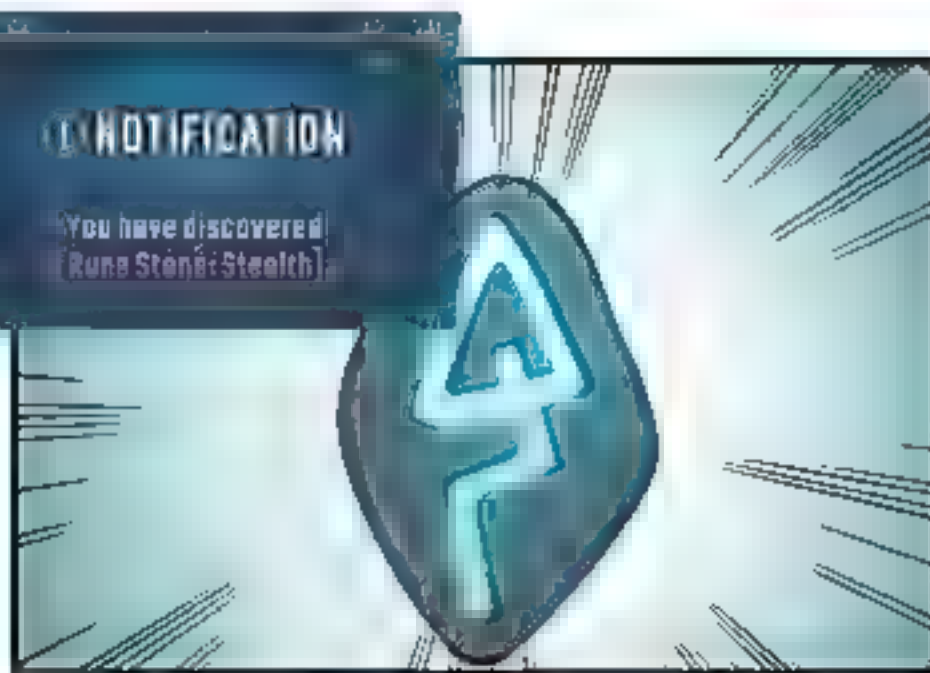
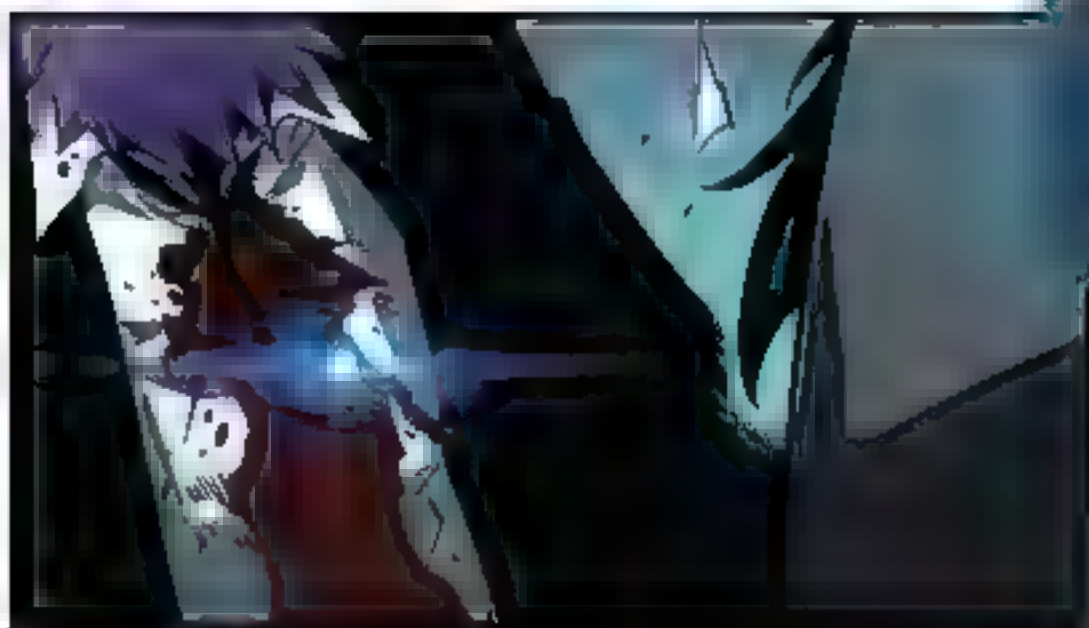
YOUR
SHADOW
IS...

...TETHERED
TO THE
DARKNESS.



**...THE STRONGER I GET,
THE MORE I FEEL SOMETHING
IS BROKEN INSIDE ME.**







I KNOW
YOU'RE
ALIVE.

GET
UP.



WHY ARE
YOU PLAYING
DEAD?

THOUGHT
YOU'D ESCAPE
WITHOUT ANYONE
NOTICING?

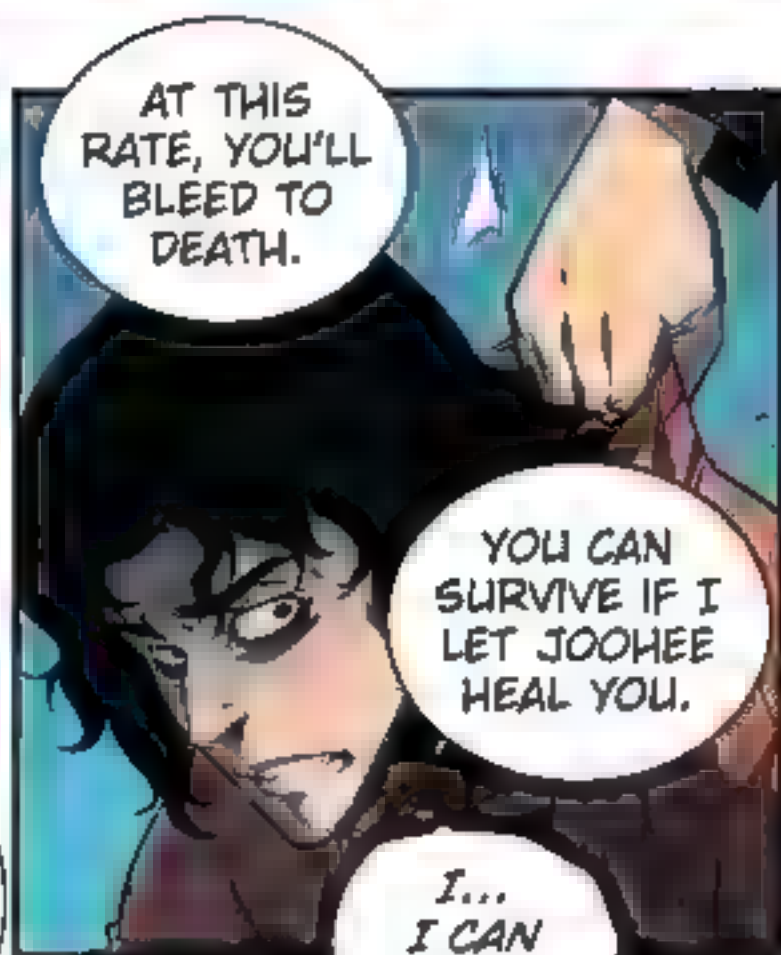


CAN'T
ANSWER
ME?

TAESIK
WAS PRETTY
BRUTAL.

HE CUT
YOUR VOCAL
CORDS.

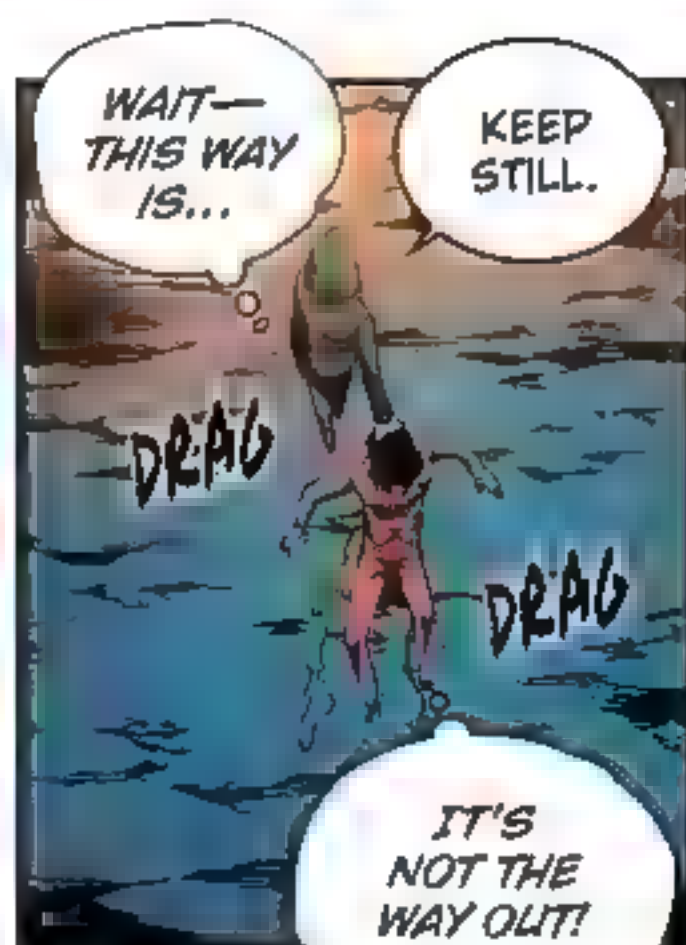
I GUESS
HE DIDN'T WANT
YOU SCREAMING
AS HE KILLED
YOU SLOWLY AND
PAINFULLY.



AT THIS
RATE, YOU'LL
BLEED TO
DEATH.

YOU CAN
SURVIVE IF I
LET JOOHEE
HEAL YOU.

I...
I CAN
LIVE.



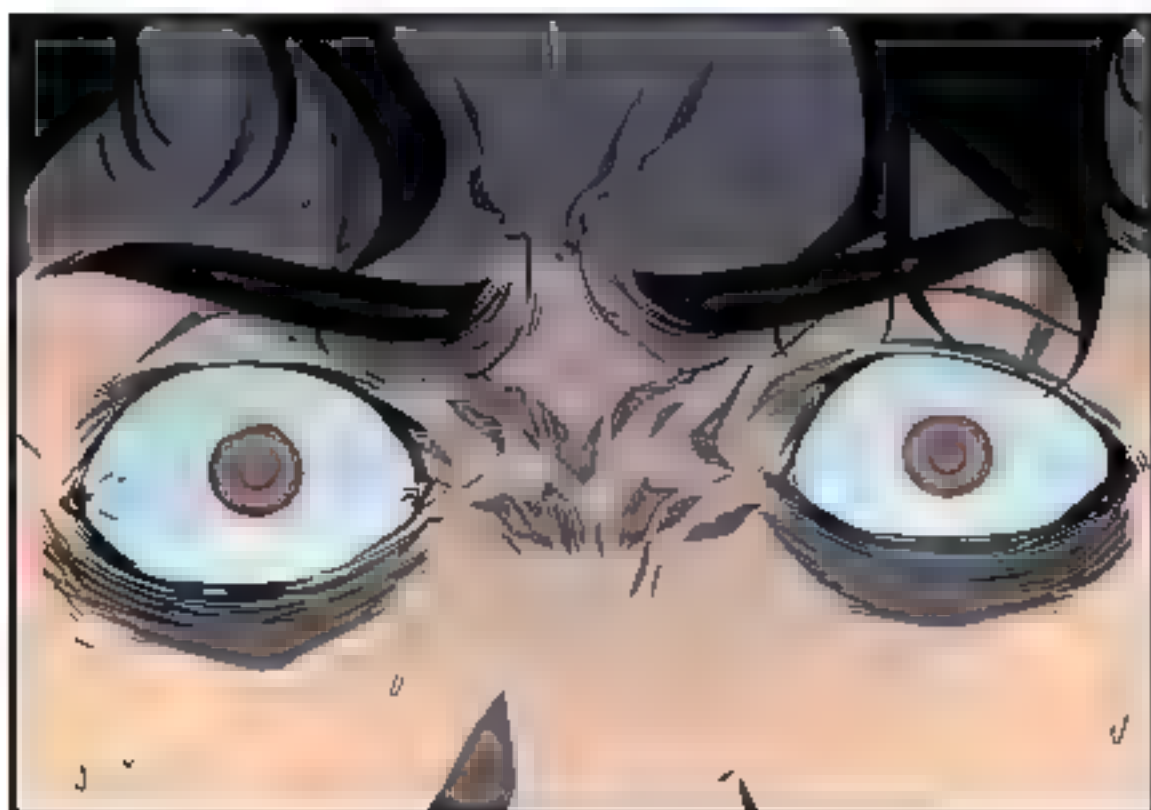
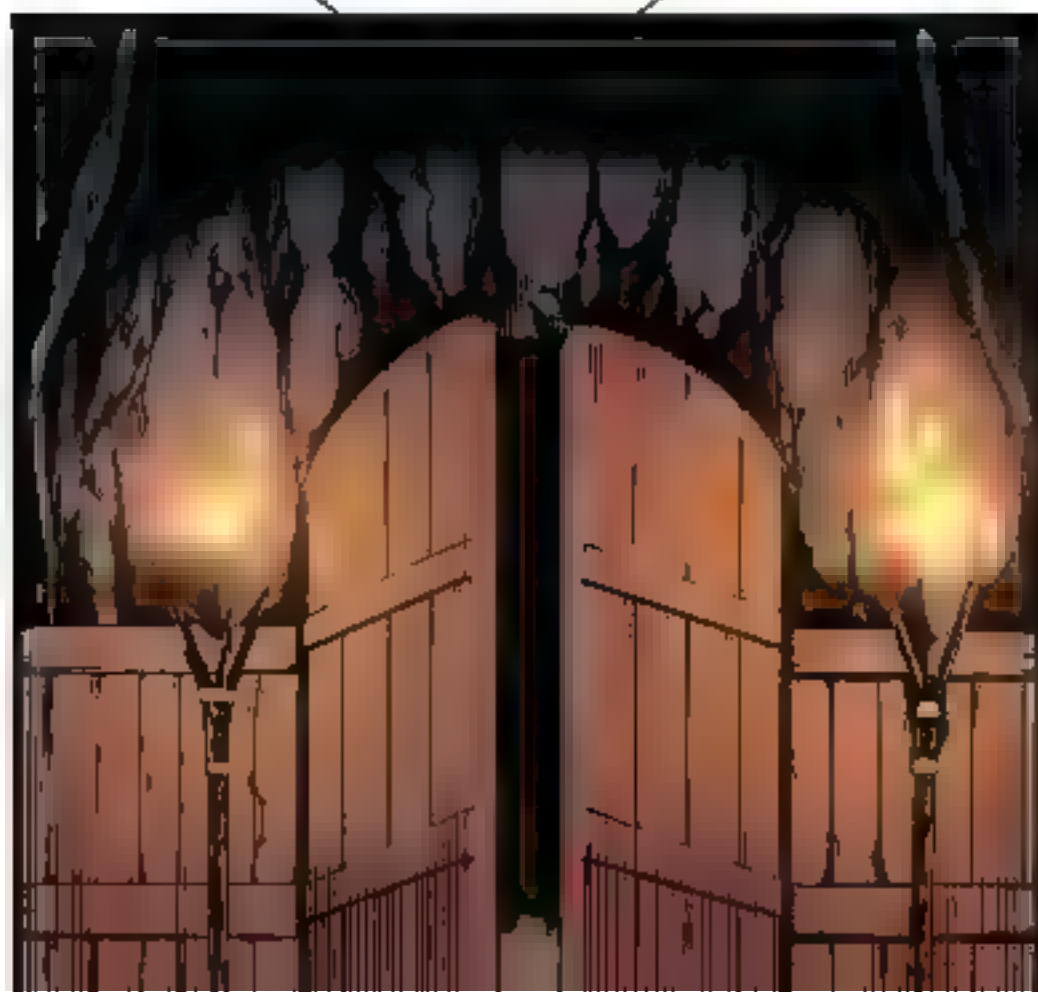
WAIT—
THIS WAY
IS...

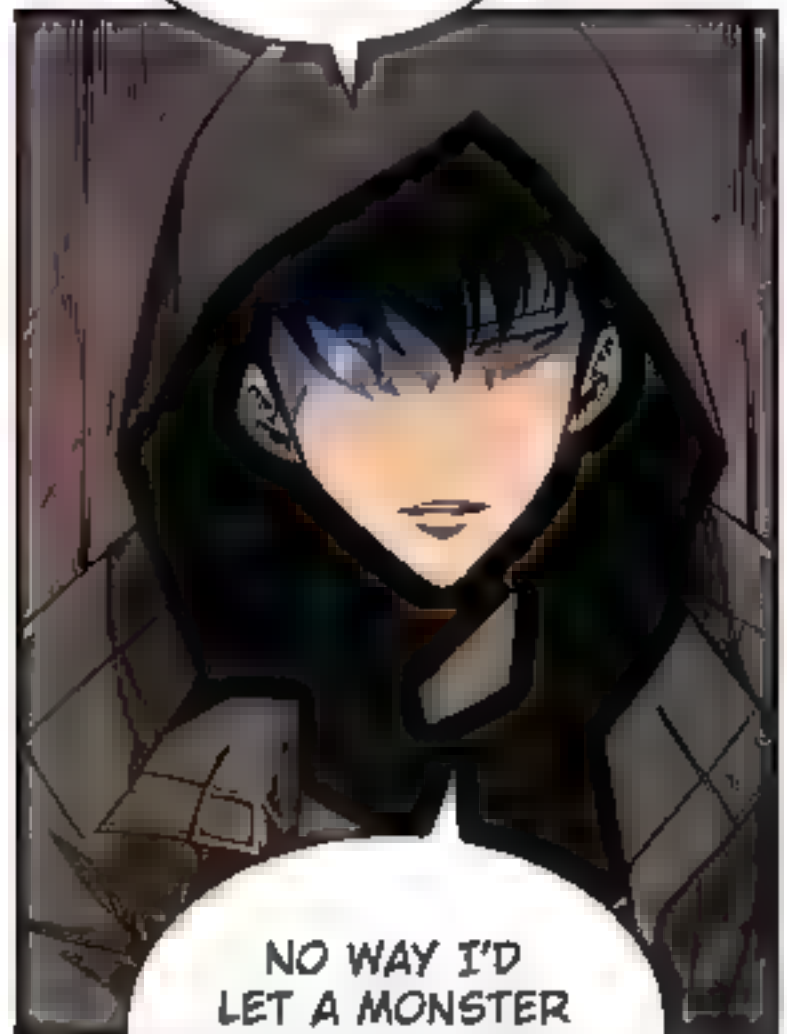
KEEP
STILL.

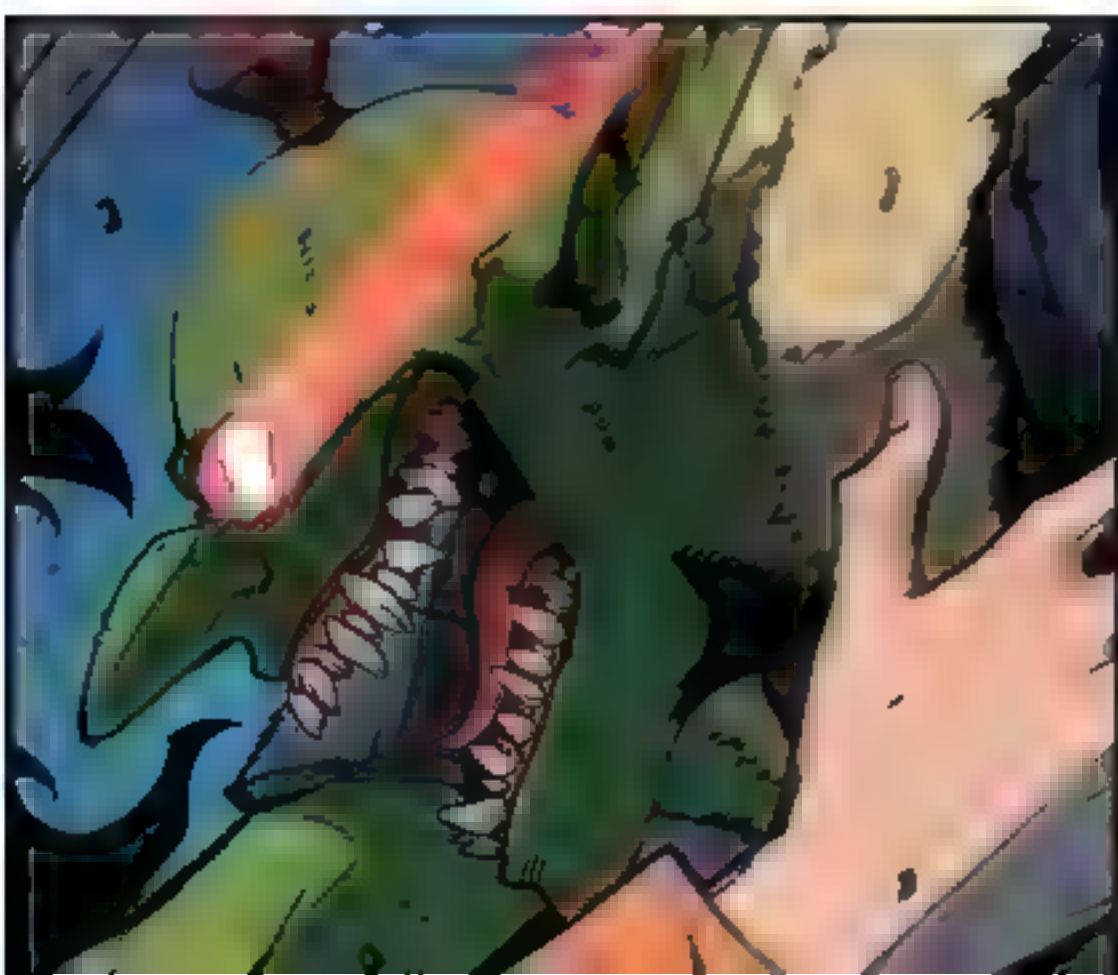
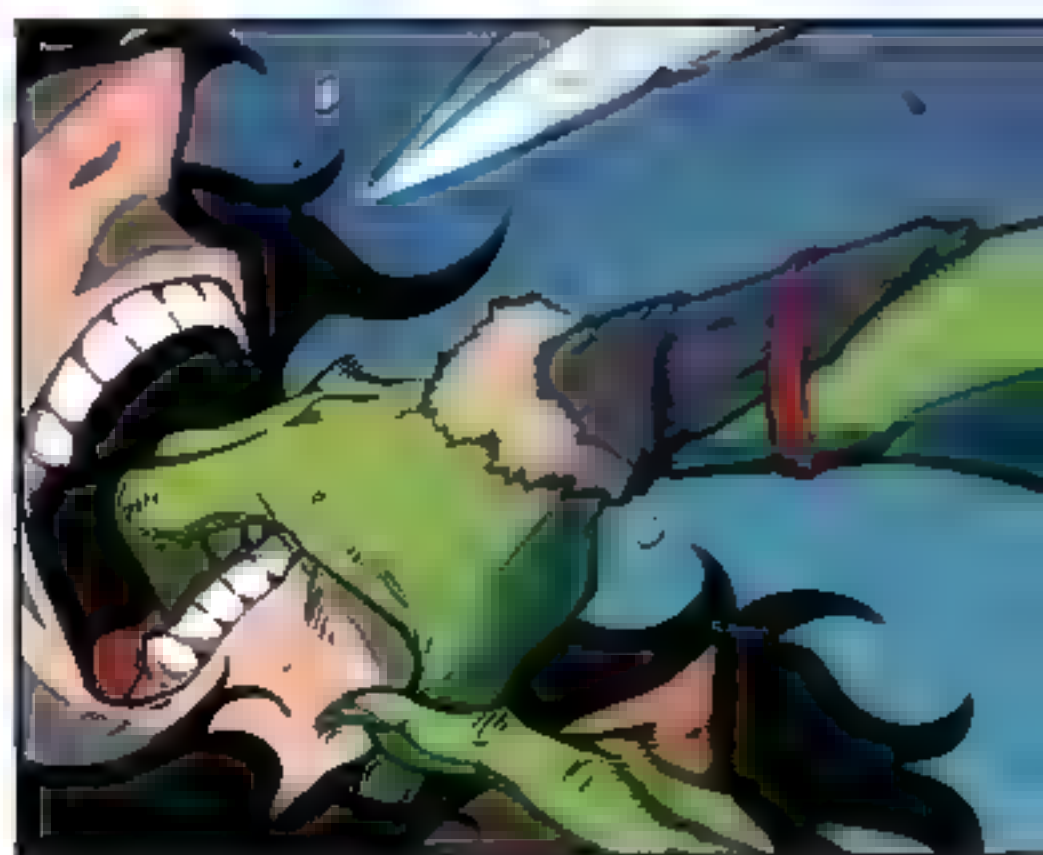
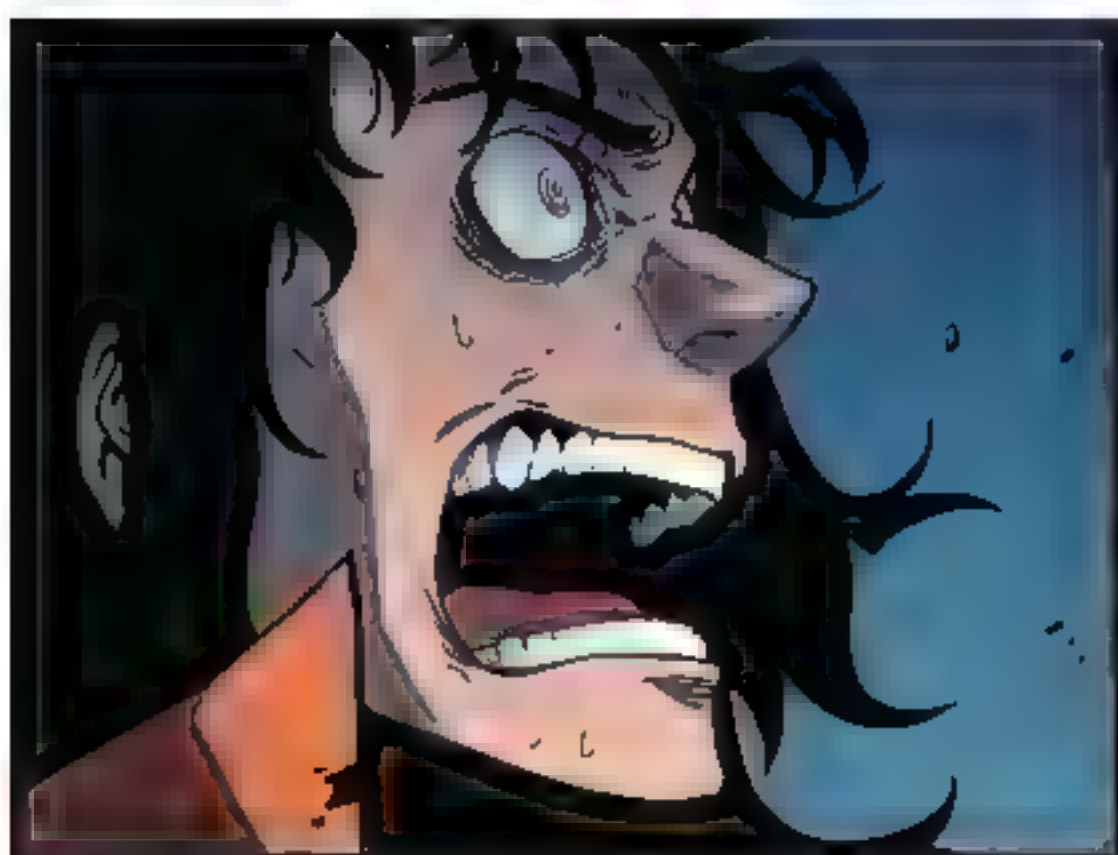
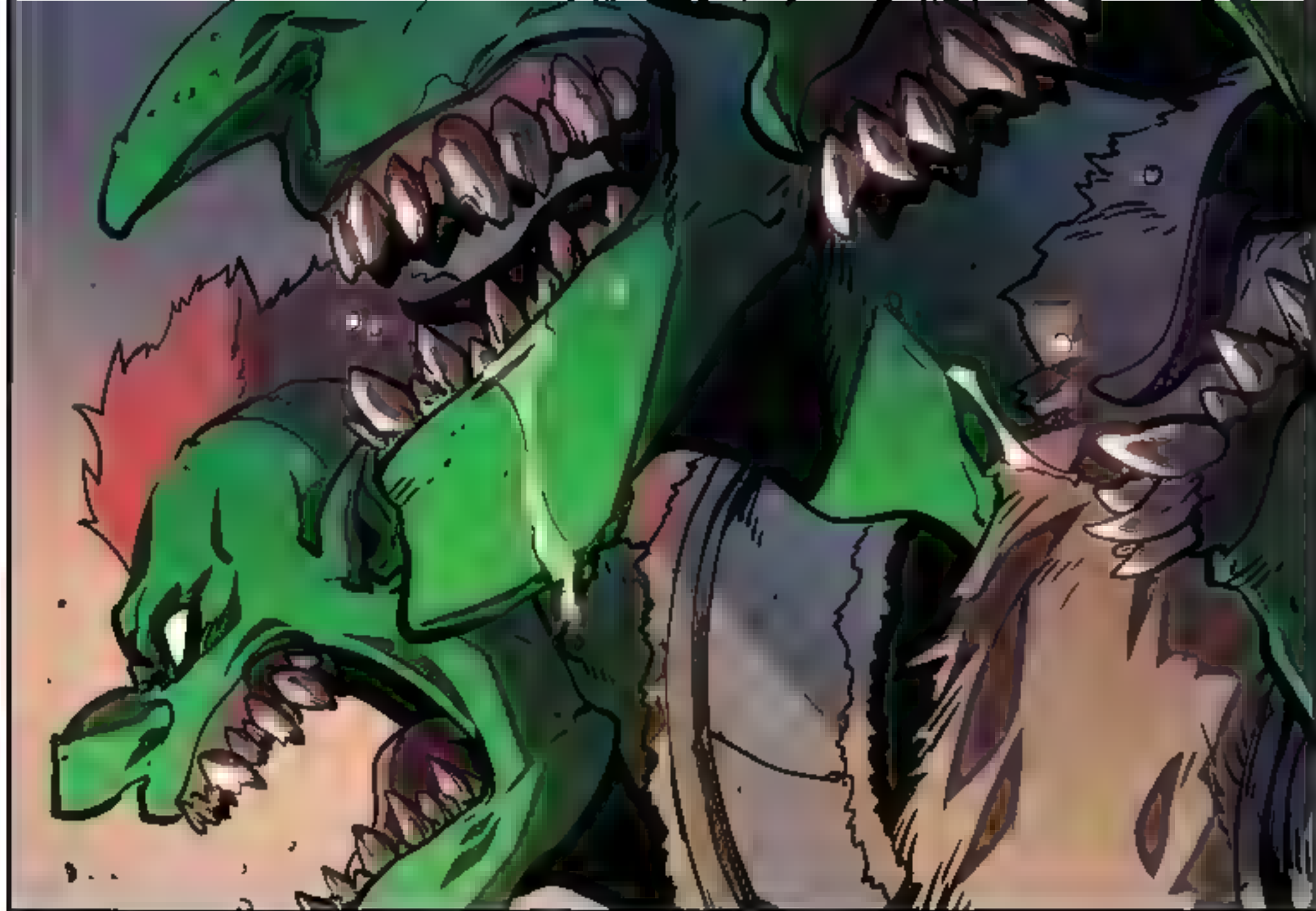
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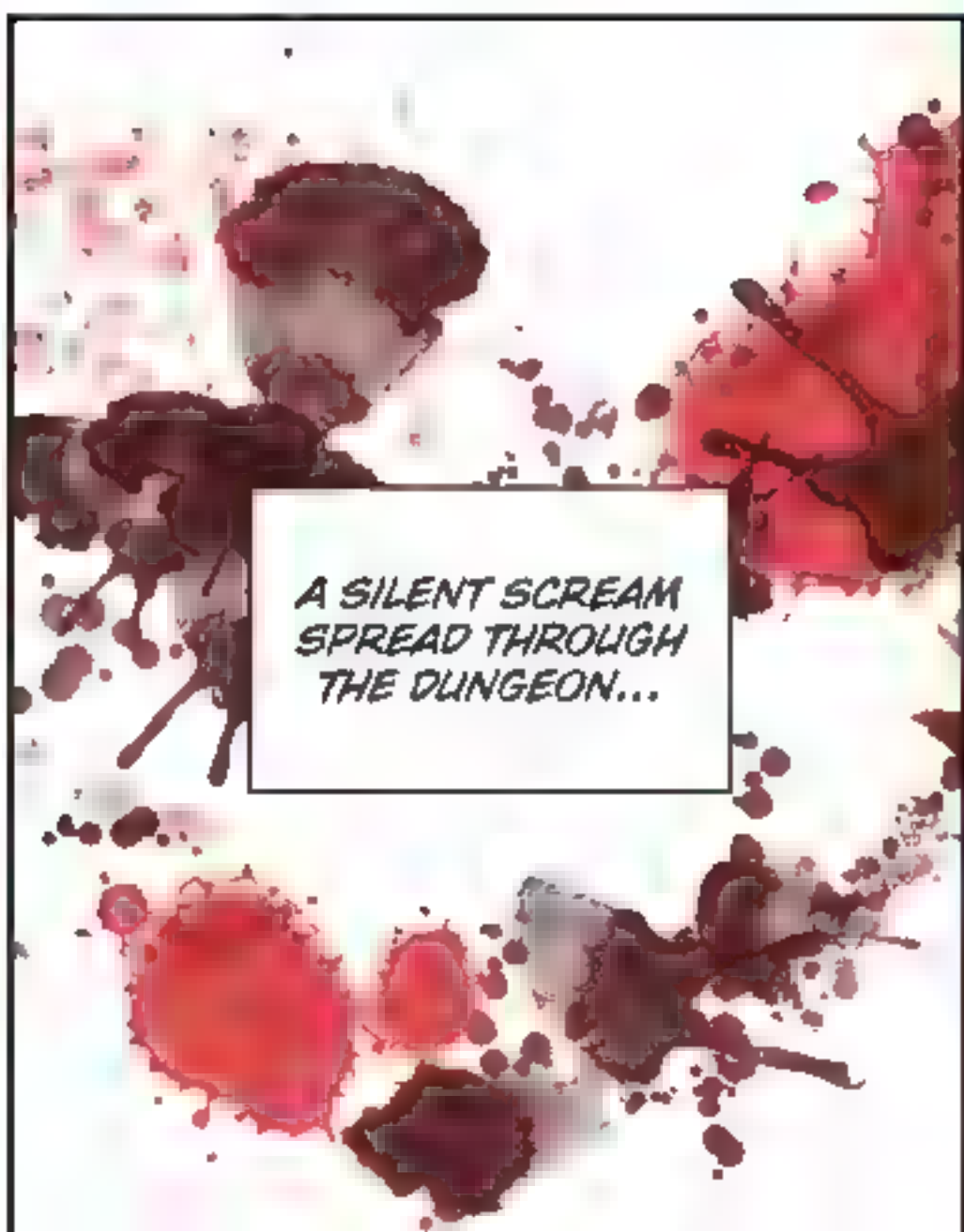
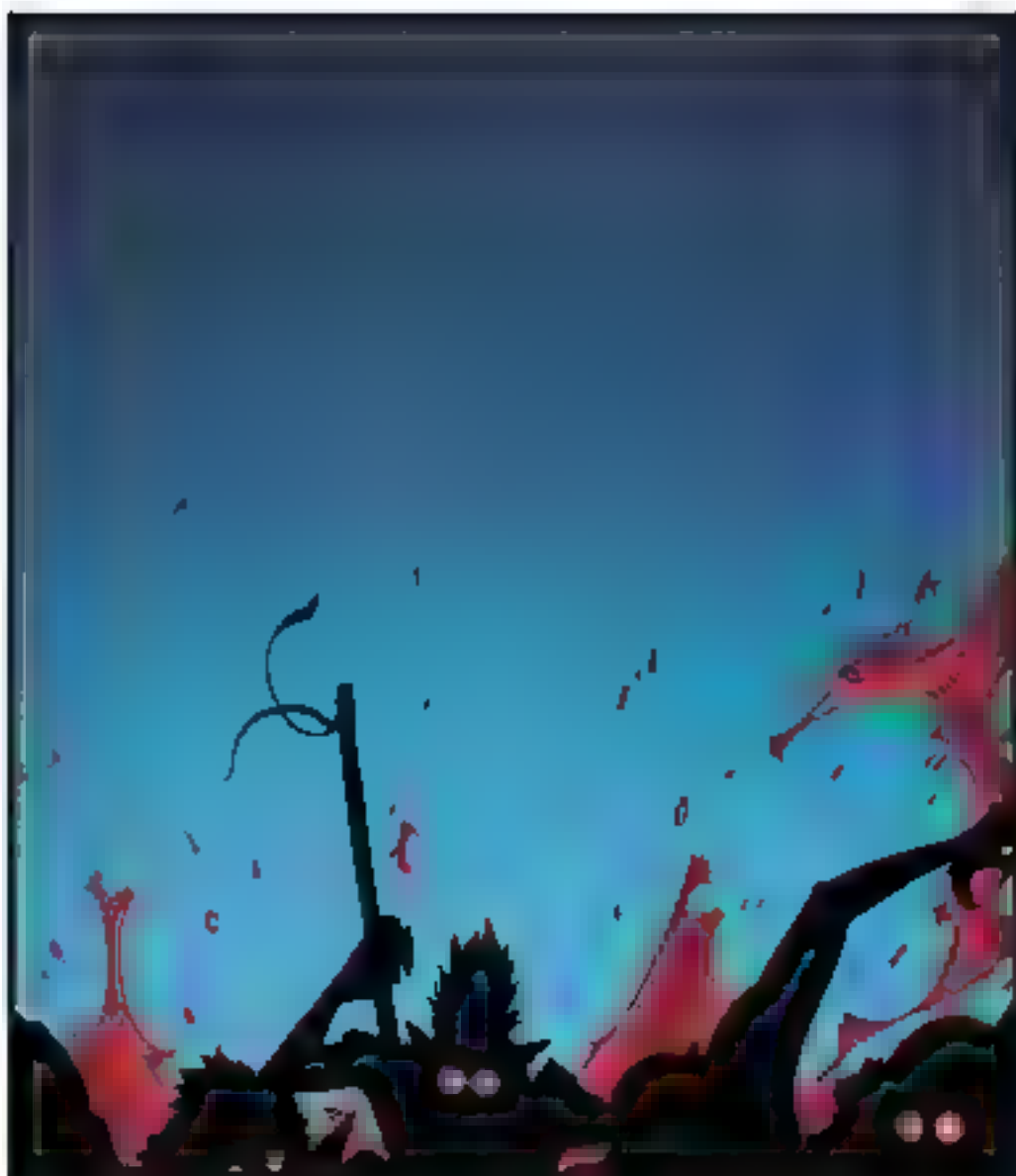
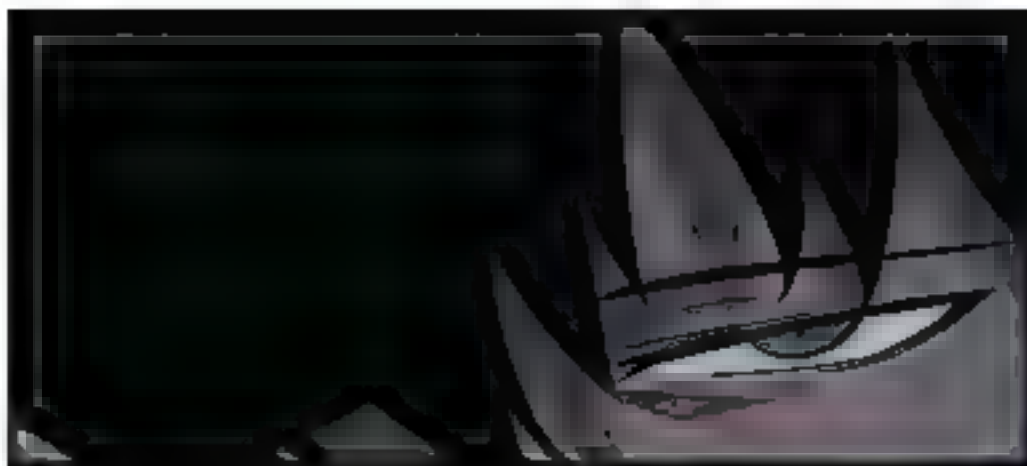
DRAG

IT'S
NOT THE
WAY OUT!









A SILENT SCREAM
SPREAD THROUGH
THE DUNGEON...

AFTER THAT,
IT WASN'T
HARD TO DEFEAT
THE HOBGOBLIN,
MASTER OF THE
DUNGEON.



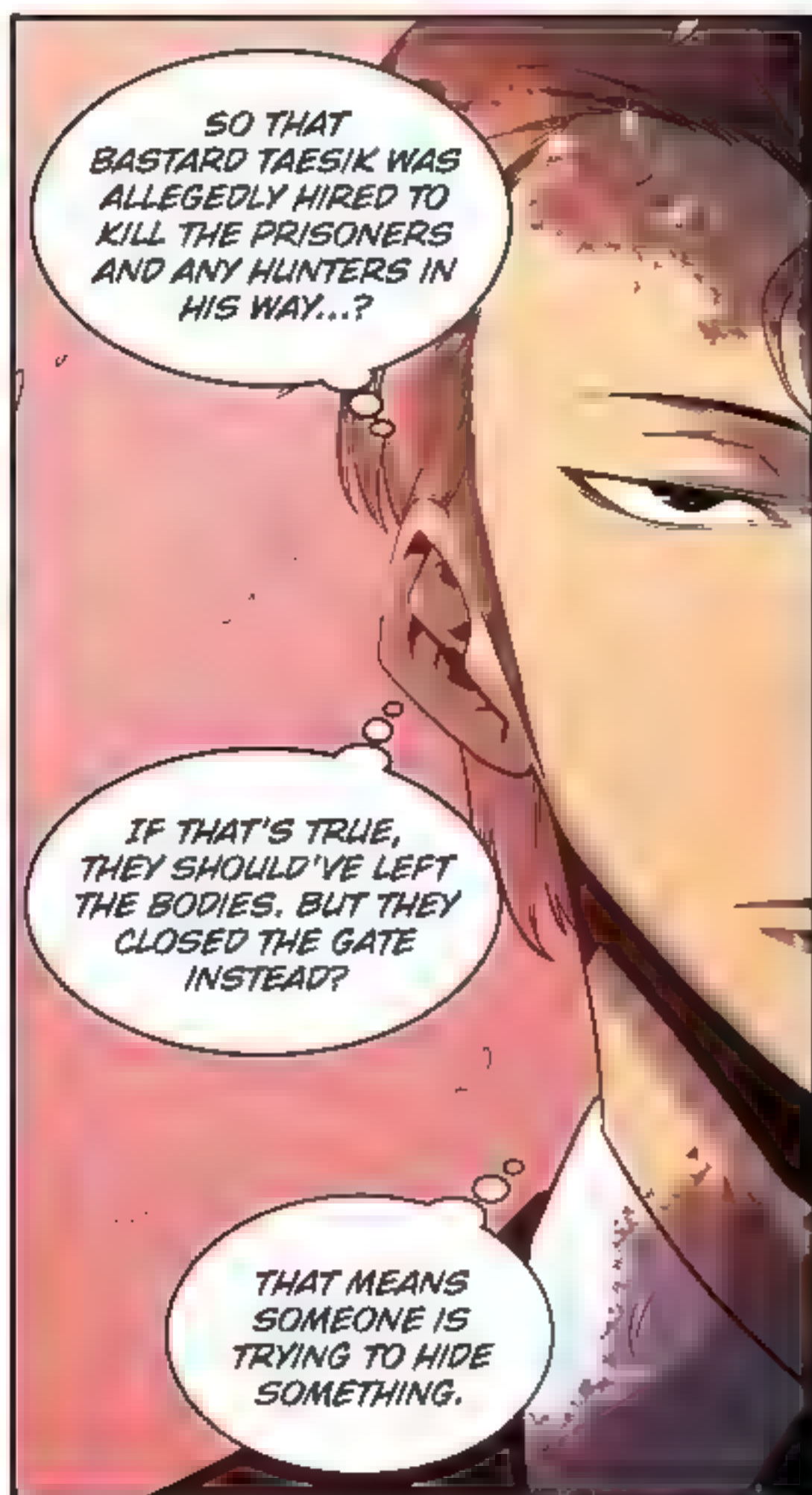
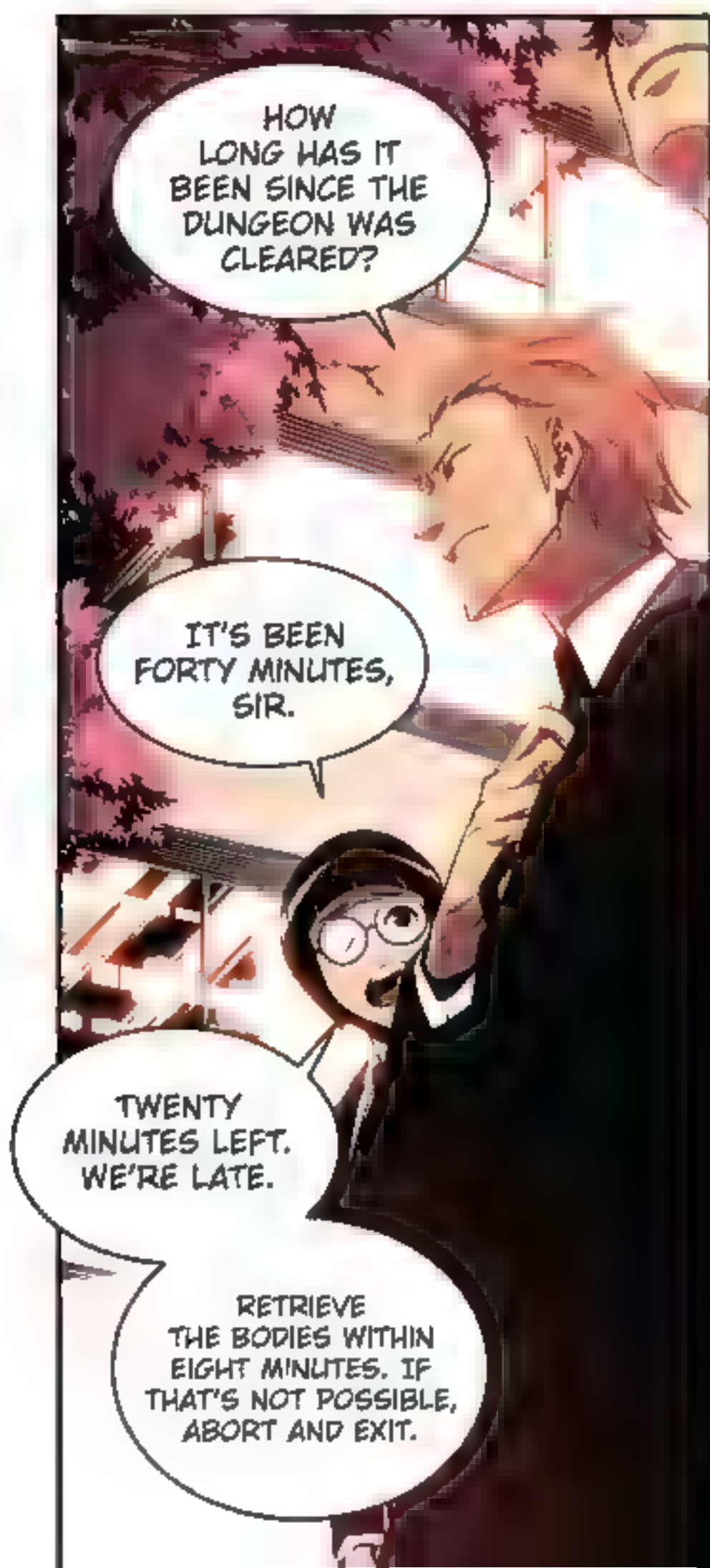
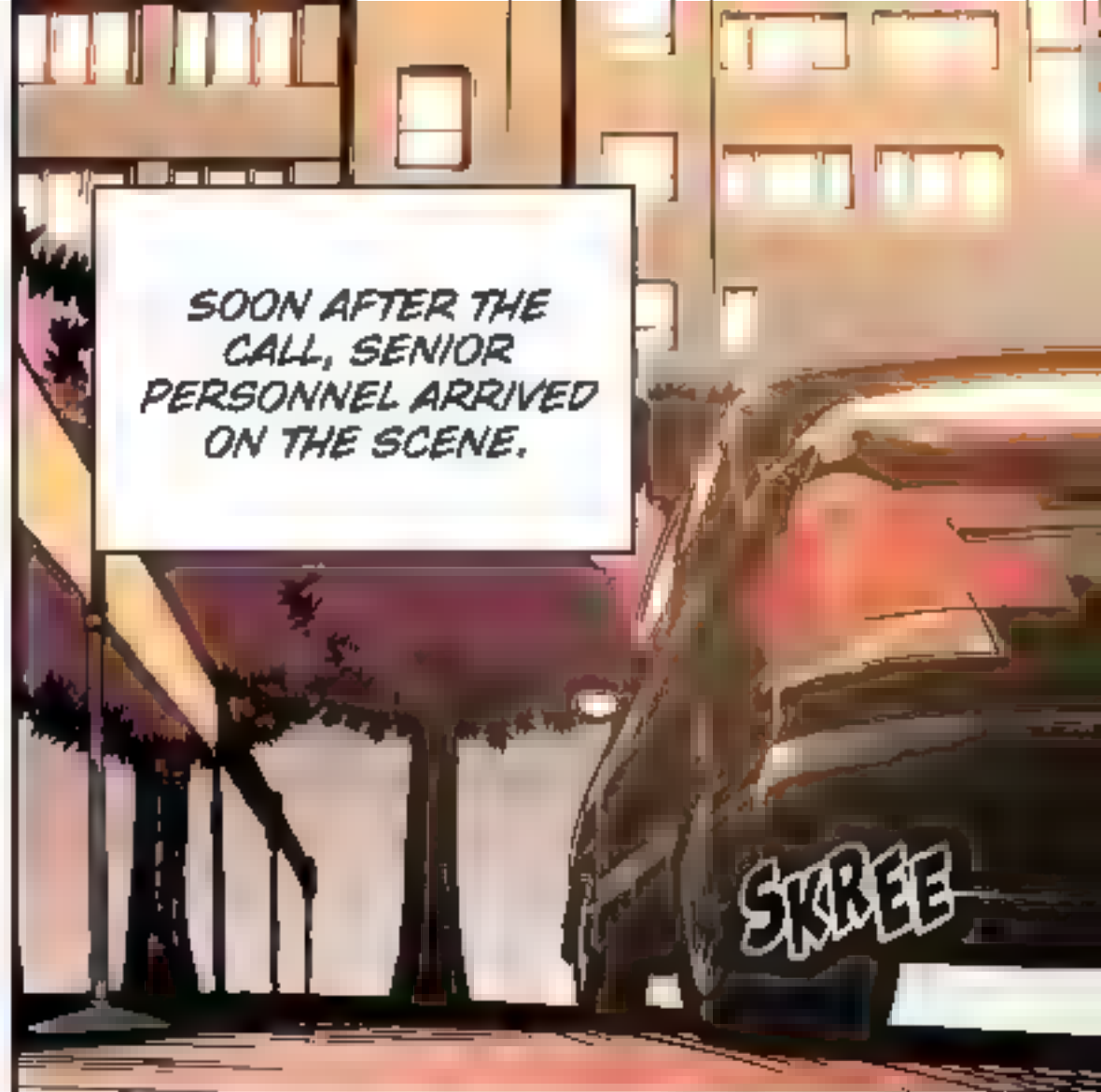
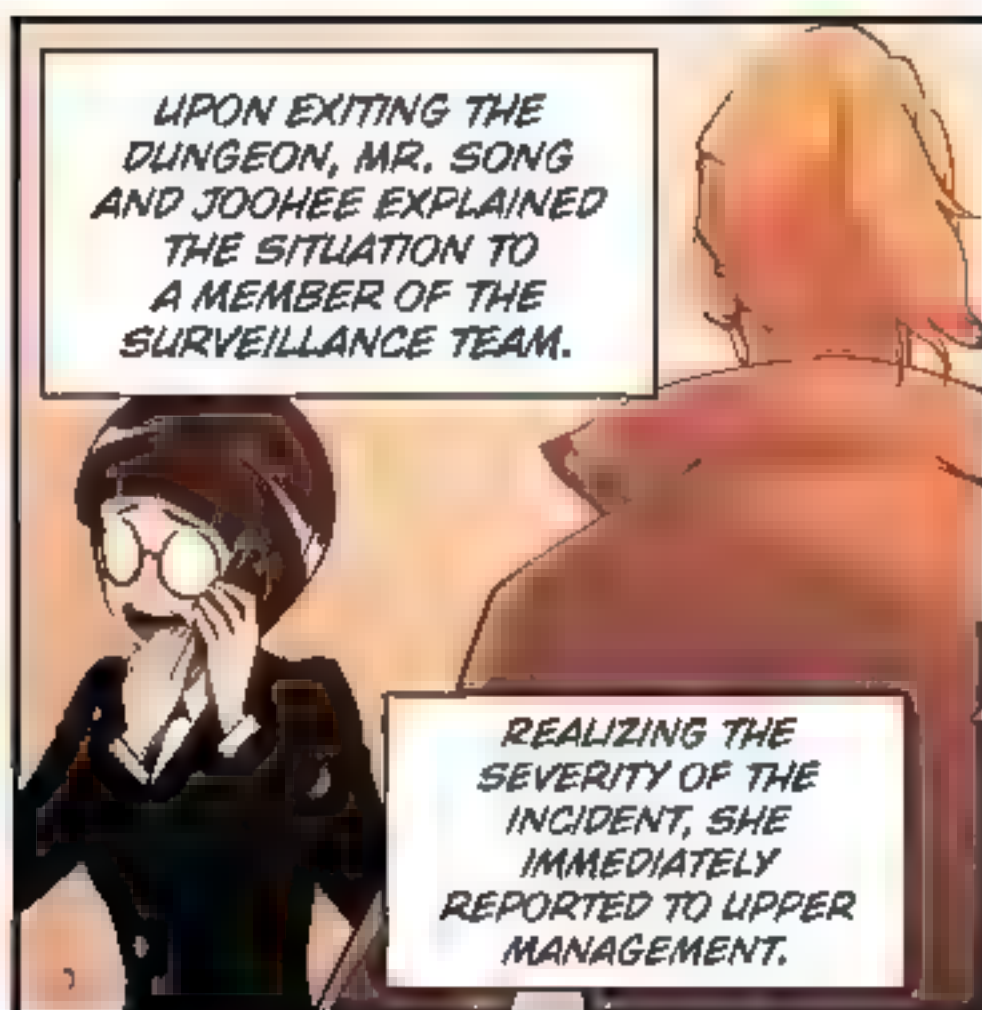


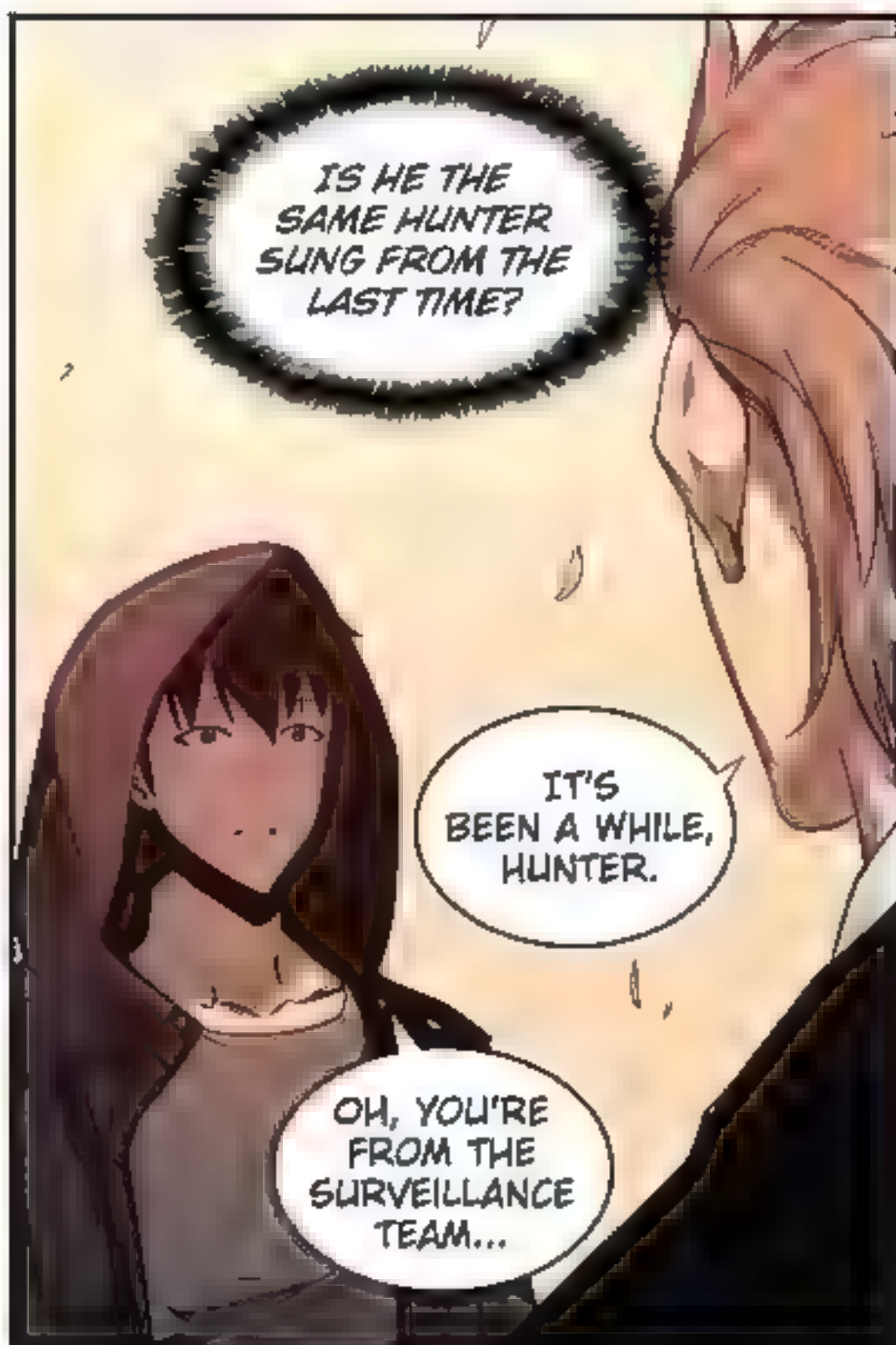
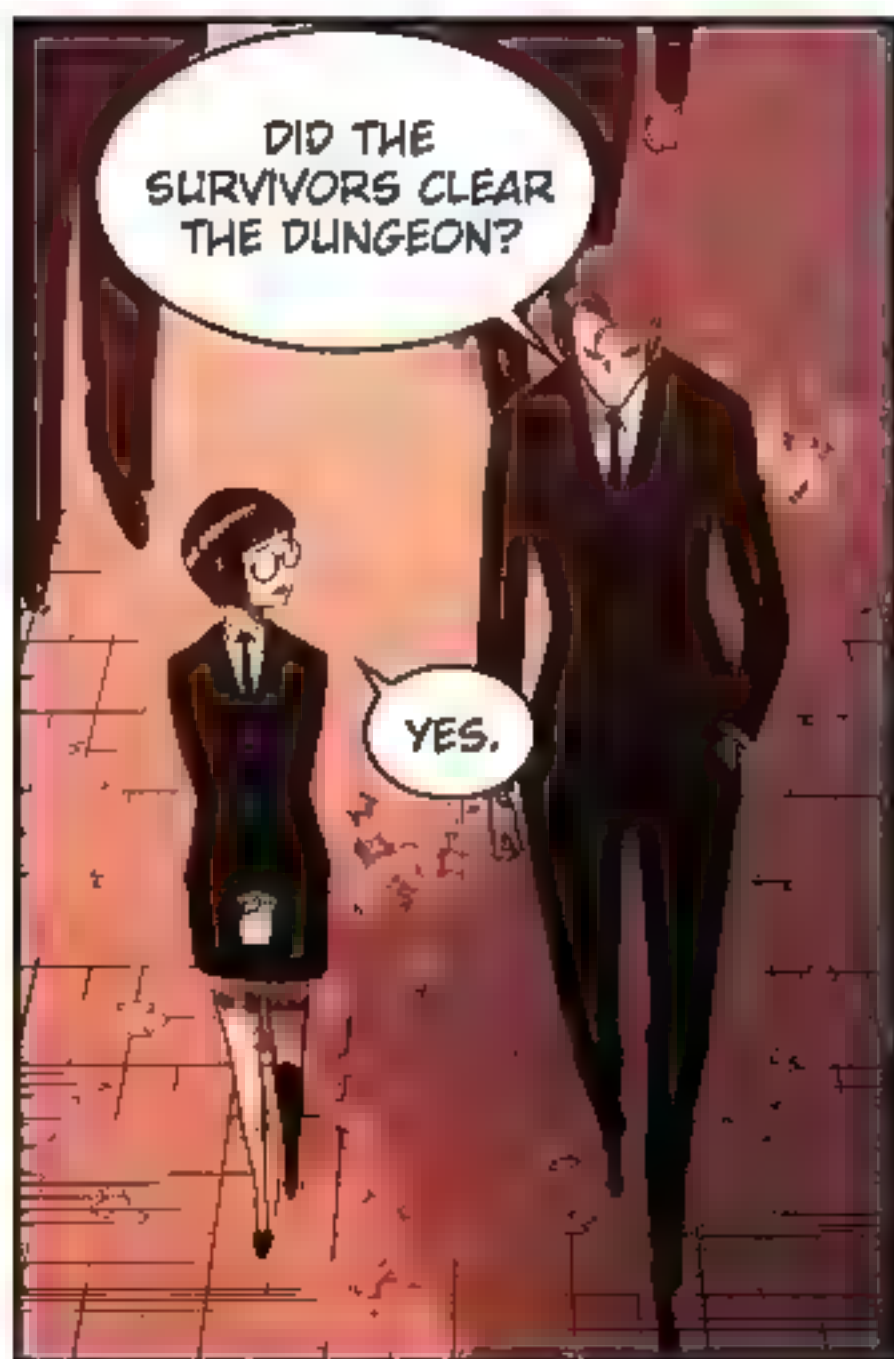
CHAPTER 7

The Strange Roids



Solo
Leveling







I'M JINCHUL
WOO, MANAGER OF
THE SURVEILLANCE
TEAM.

IT LOOKS LIKE
ONE OF OUR MEN
CAUSED A HUGE
PROBLEM.

YOU'LL
RECEIVE A FORMAL
APOLOGY ONCE
EVERYTHING IS CLEARED.
THE INVESTIGATION
TEAM WILL TAKE OVER
FROM HERE.



I GUESS
IT'S NOT THE
TIME TO GLOAT
ABOUT DEFEATING
TAESIK KANG, A
B-RANK.

I COULDN'T
TELL LAST
TIME, BUT...



...THIS
MAN IS
POWERFUL.

AS A
MEMBER OF THE
SURVEILLANCE
TEAM, I'M CURIOUS
ABOUT A FEW
THINGS.

WITH YOUR
COOPERATION, WE'LL
BE DONE QUICKLY,
OKAY?

HE'S
ON ANOTHER
LEVEL!



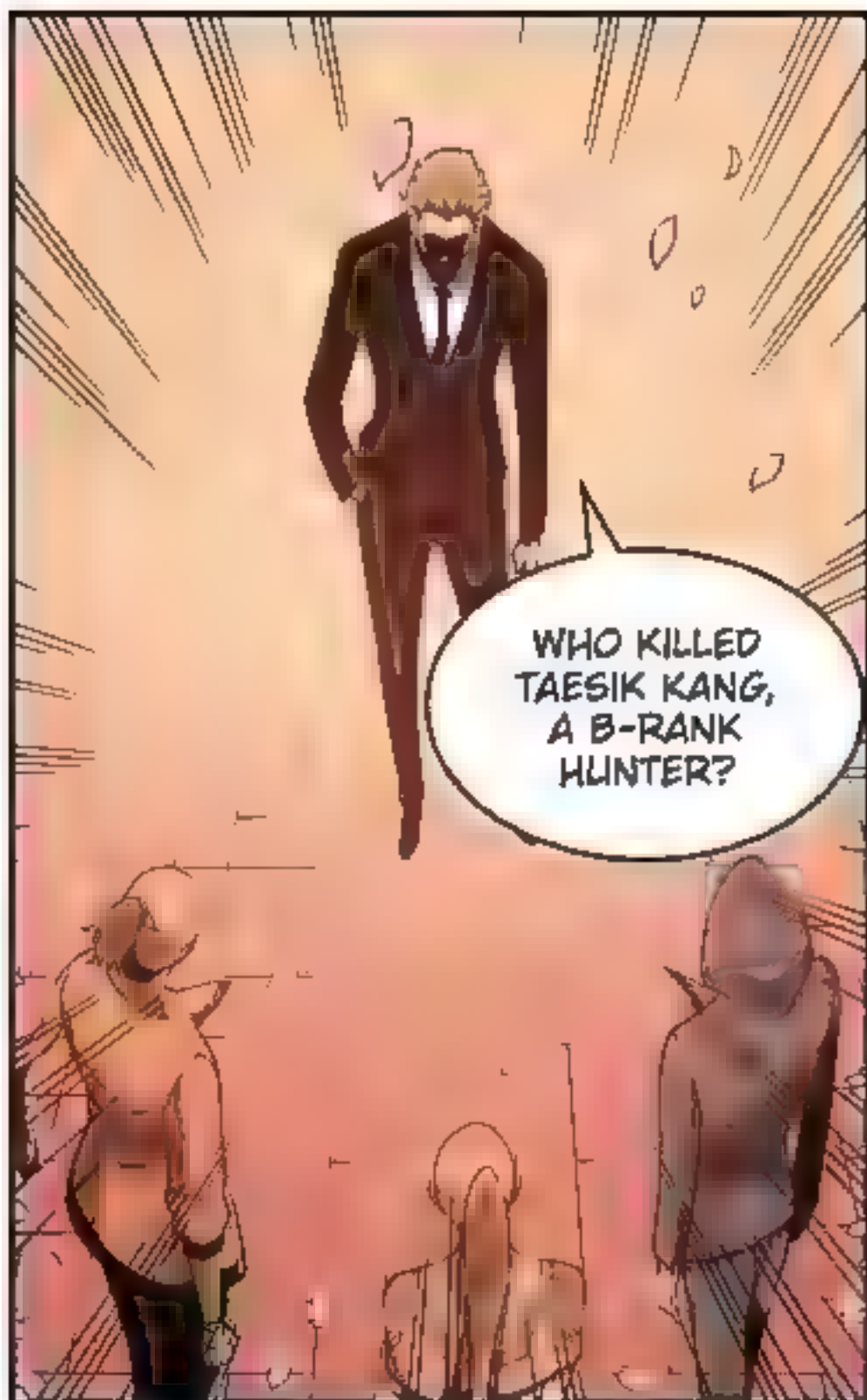
HE'S
A-RANK!

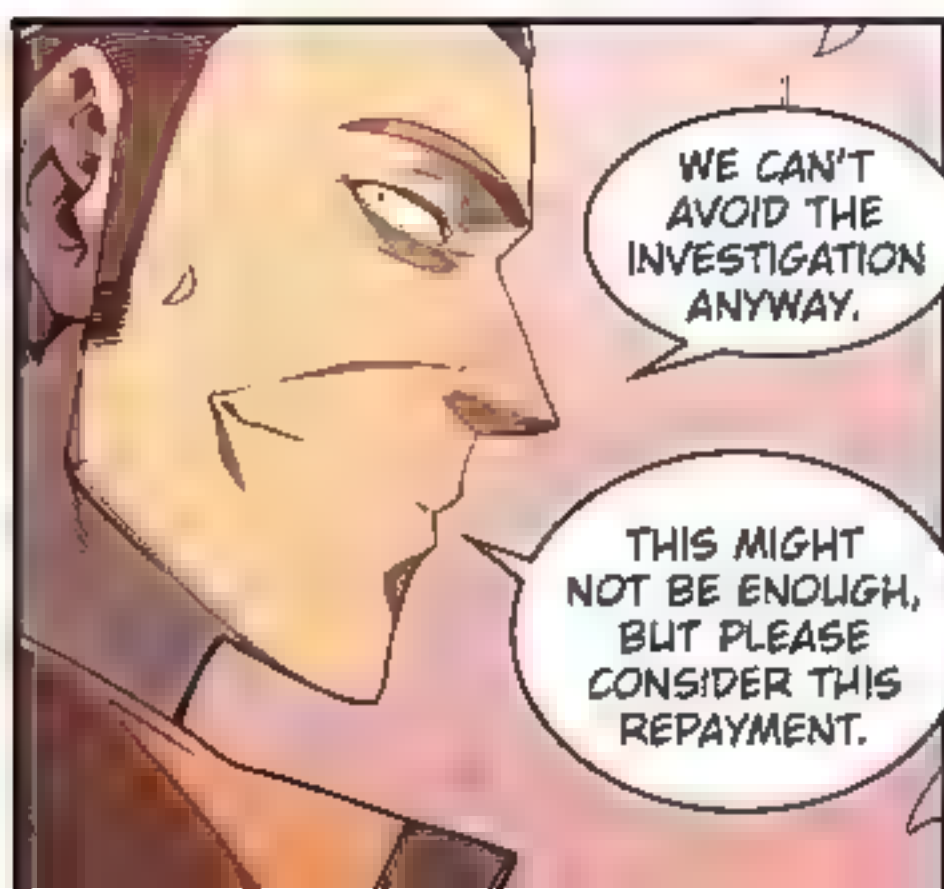
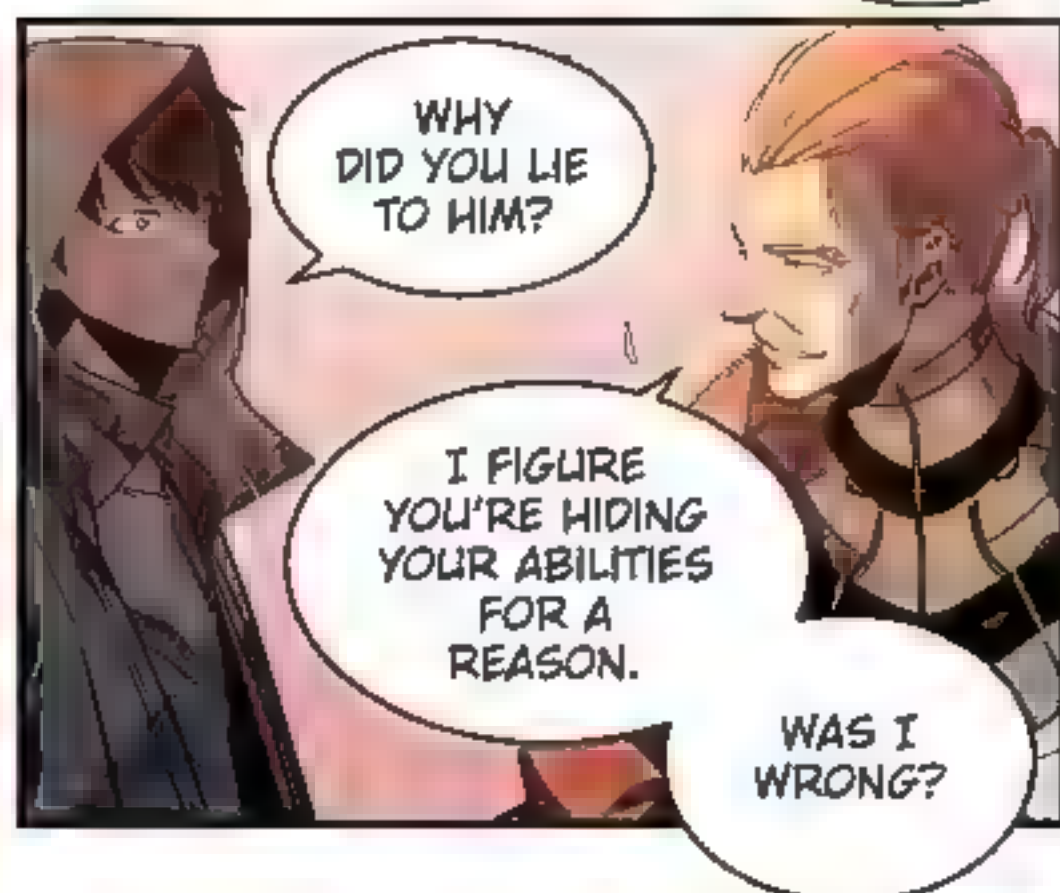
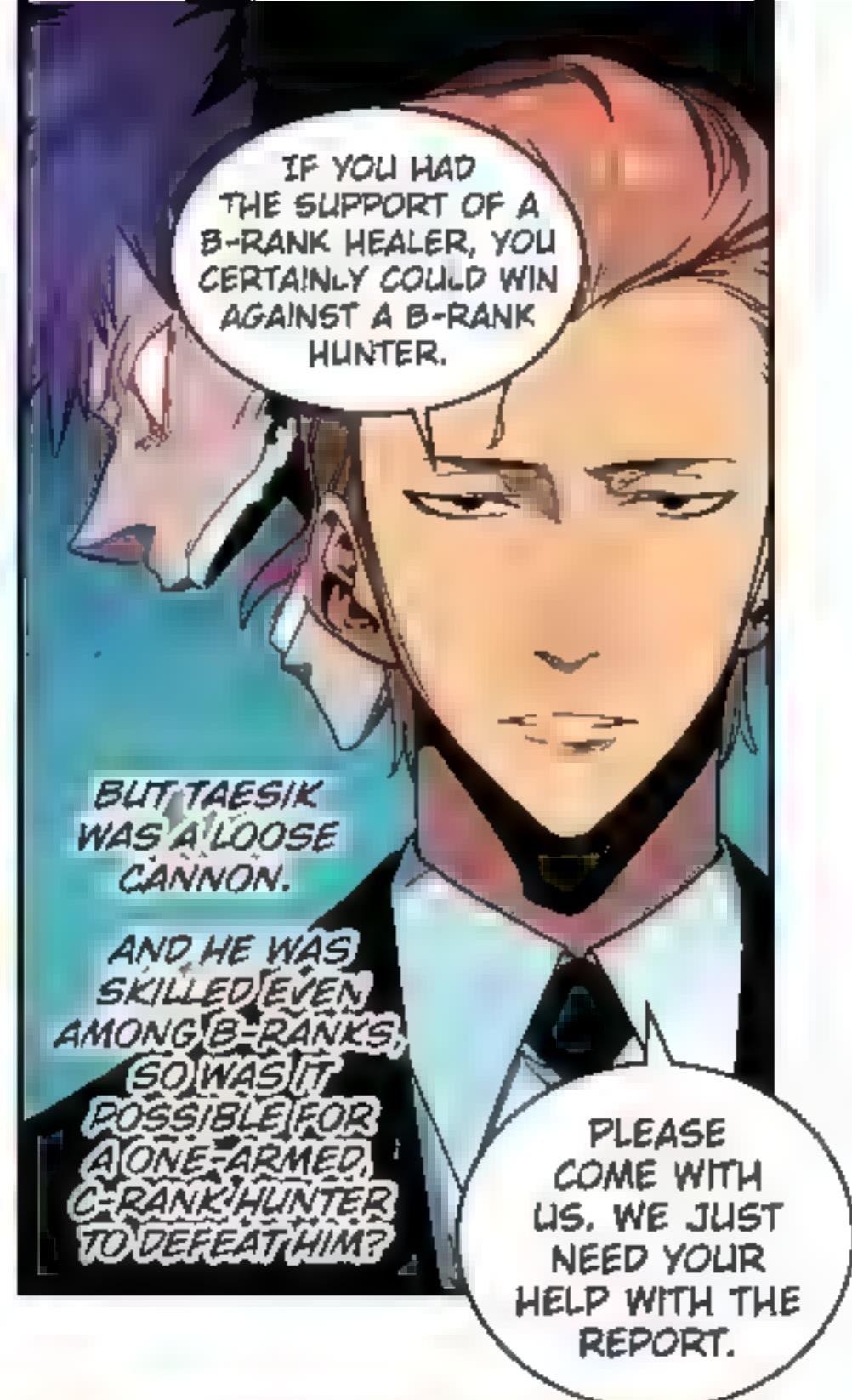
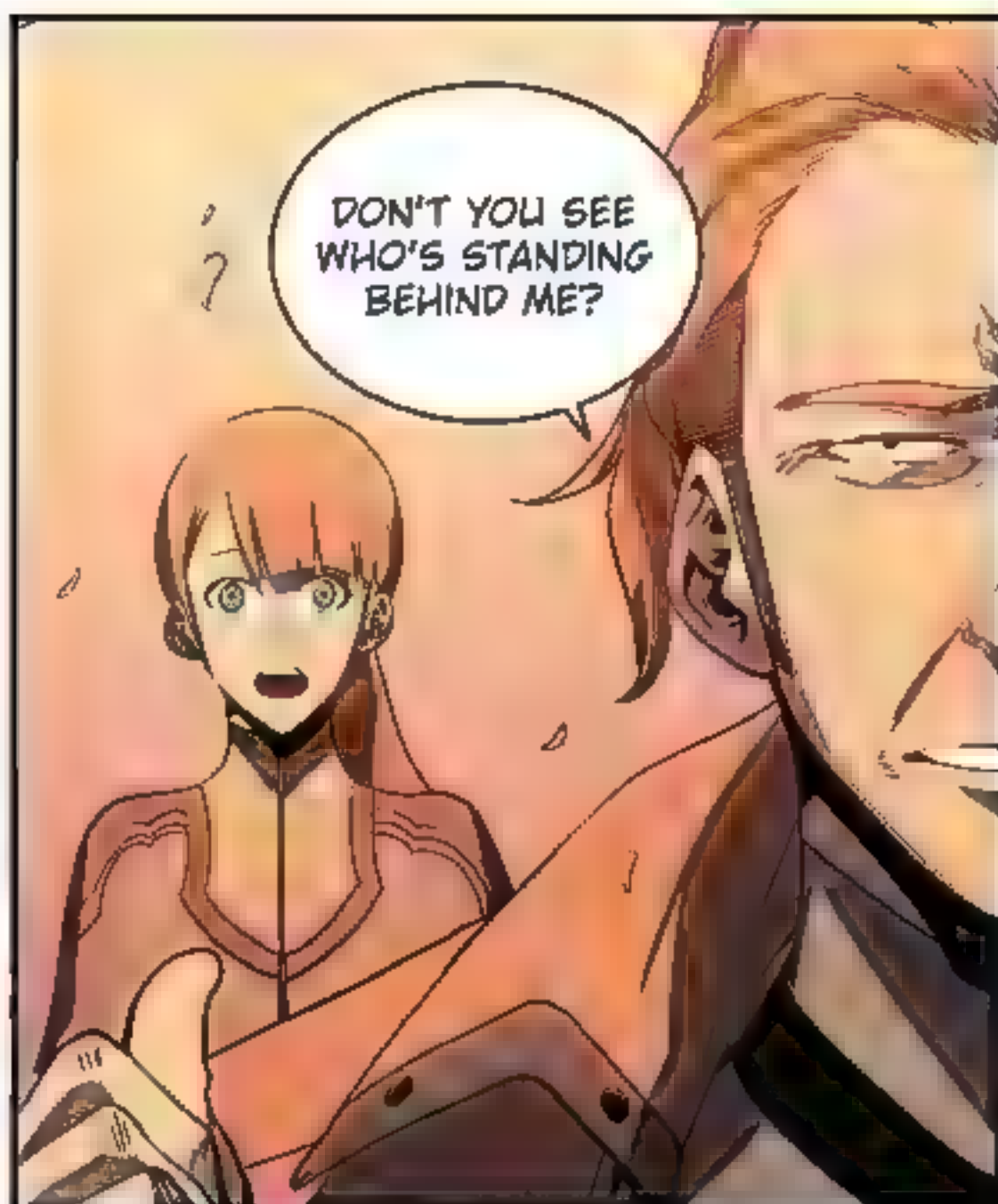
I COULDN'T
TAKE HIM AT
MY CURRENT
LEVEL.

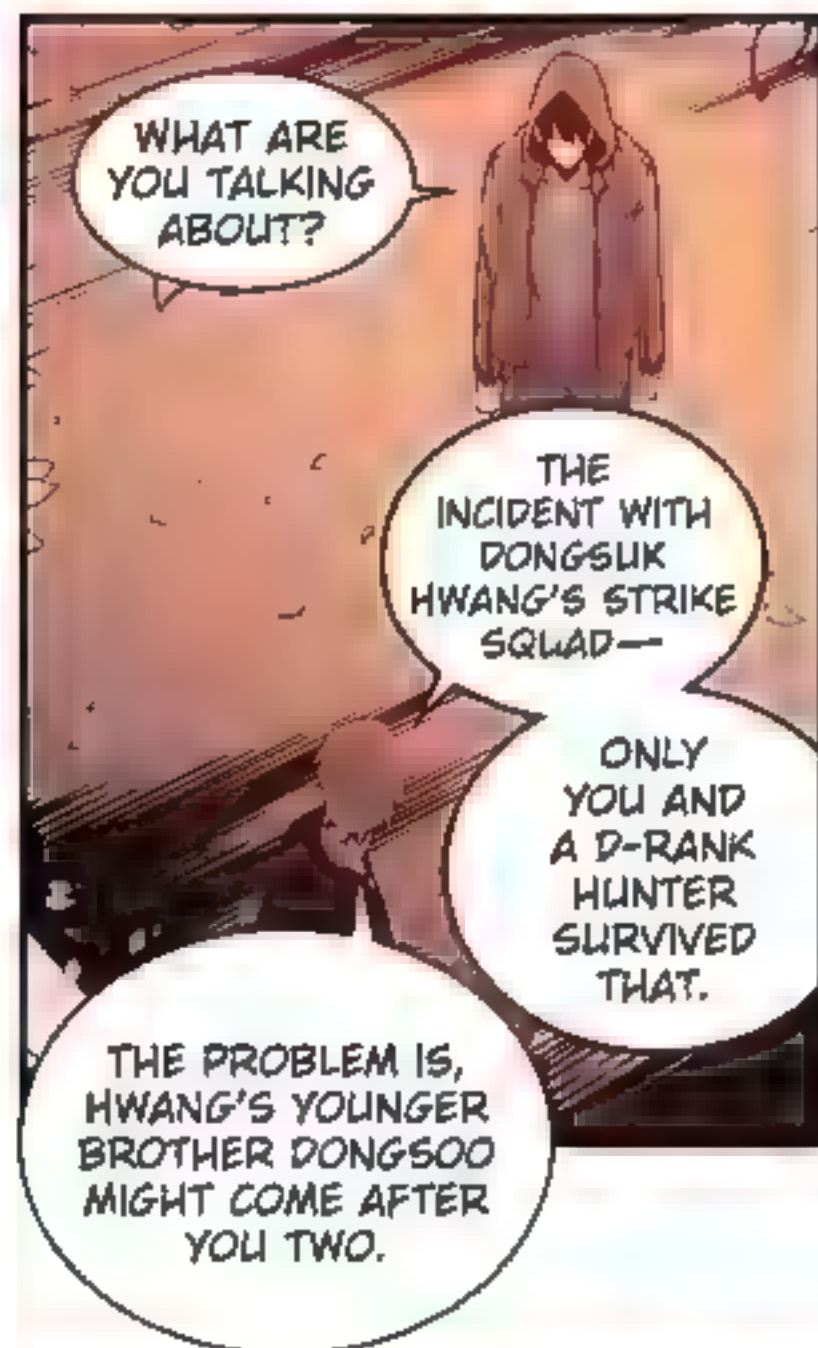
YES, I'LL
COOPERATE.



THEN I'LL
GET STRAIGHT TO
THE POINT.









ALL HE CARES
ABOUT IS THAT YOU
SURVIVED, JINWOO
SUNG.

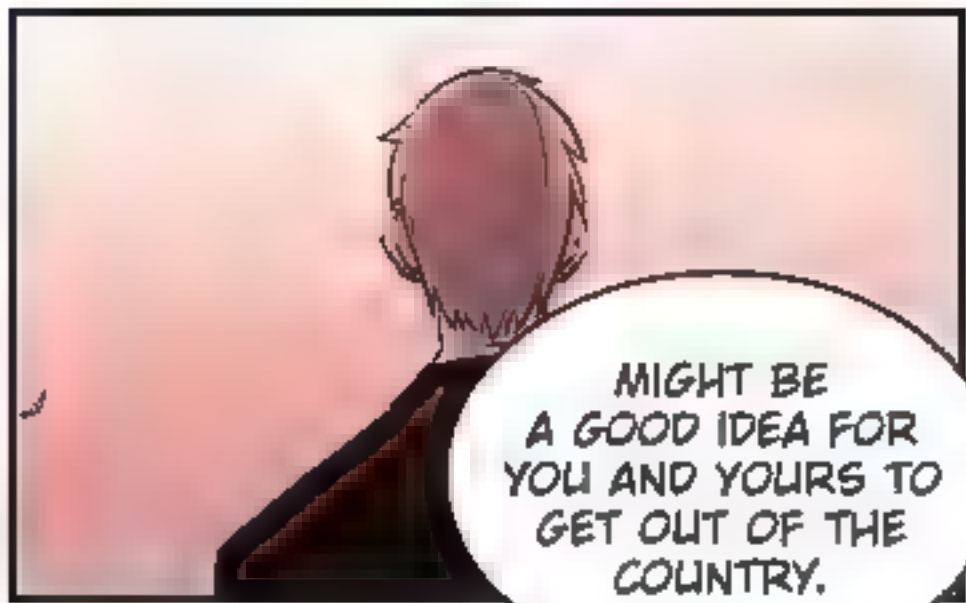
S-RANKS
AREN'T BOUND
BY LAWS.

THEY ARE
MIRACULOUS
BUT ALSO
DANGEROUS.

YOU'D
BETTER BE
CAREFUL.



A MONSTER FEARED
BY MONSTERS MAY
BE HUNTING YOU.



MIGHT BE
A GOOD IDEA FOR
YOU AND YOURS TO
GET OUT OF THE
COUNTRY.



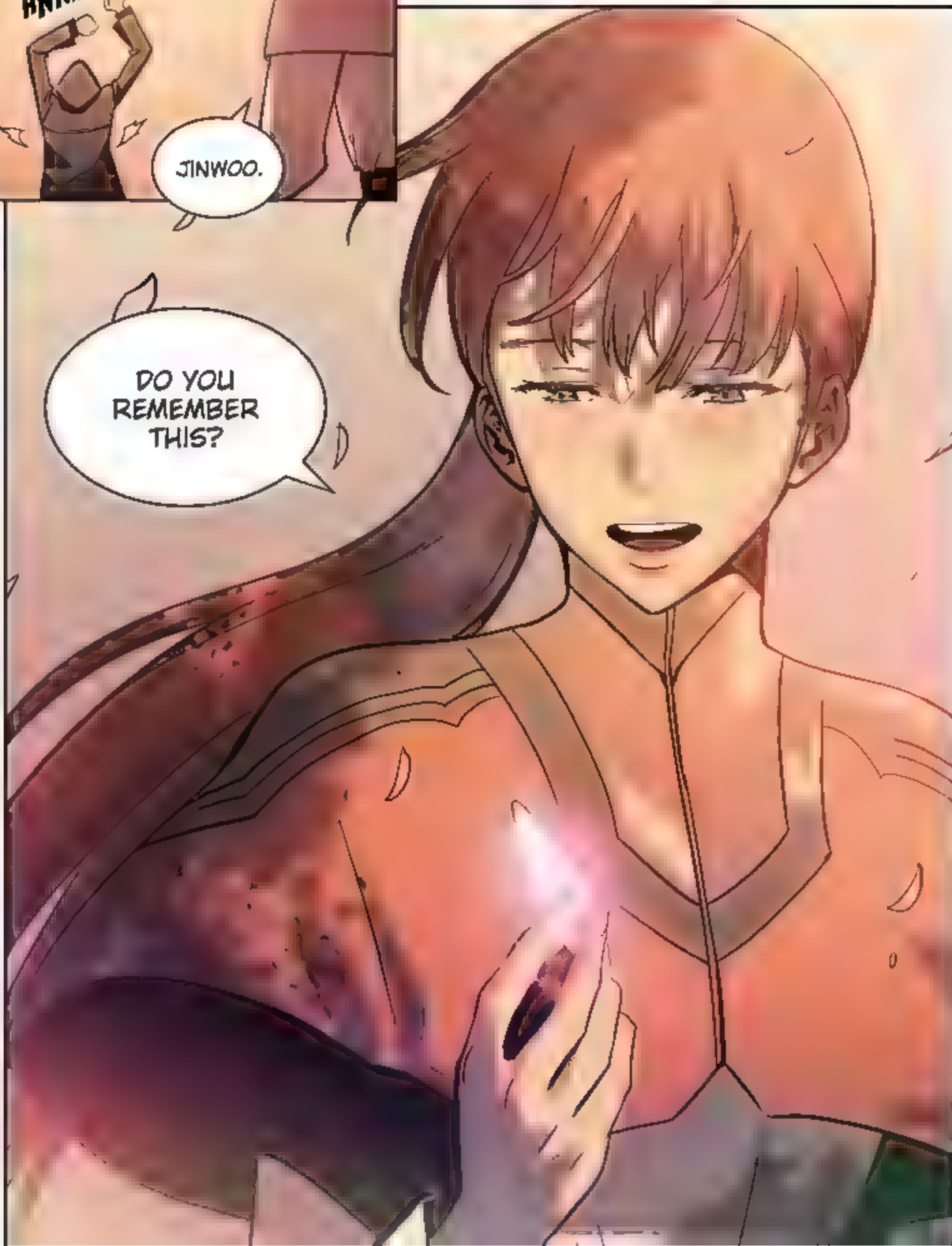
THREE HOURS LATER,
AFTER FURTHER
INVESTIGATION INTO
WHO MIGHT HAVE HIRED
TAESIK KANG...

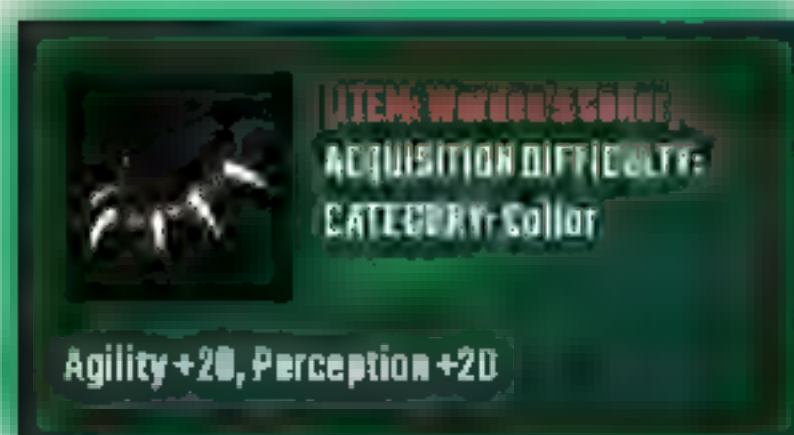
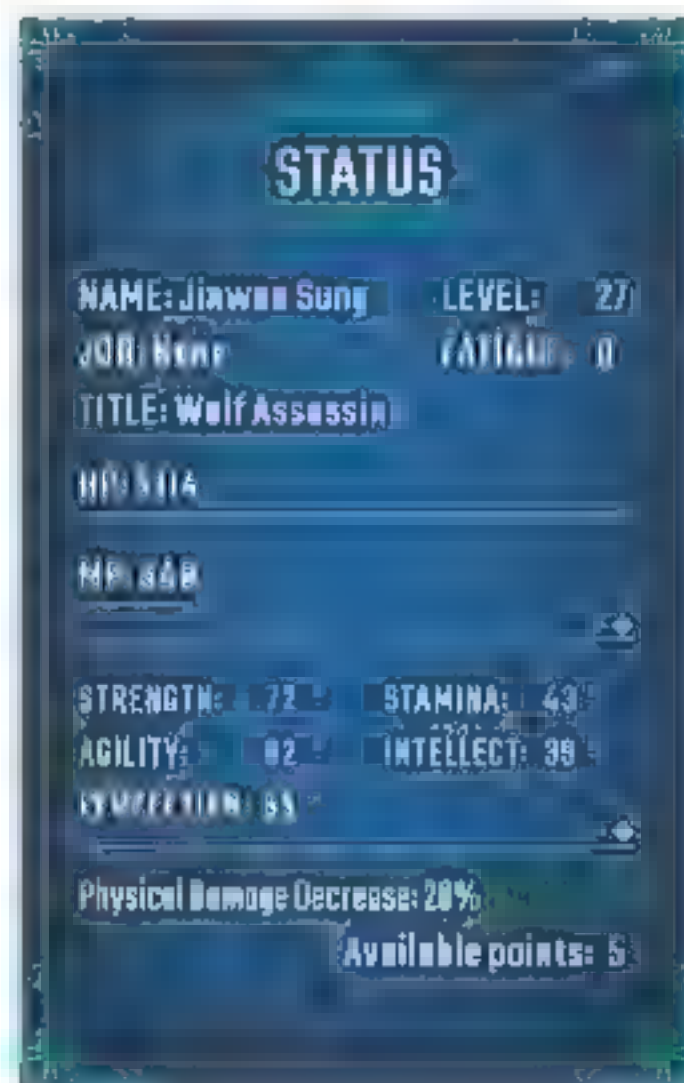
...THE PRESIDENT OF
GELMGANG INDUSTRIES
CONFESSED, AND THE
INVESTIGATORS ACCEPTED
OUR SELF-DEFENSE PLEA.

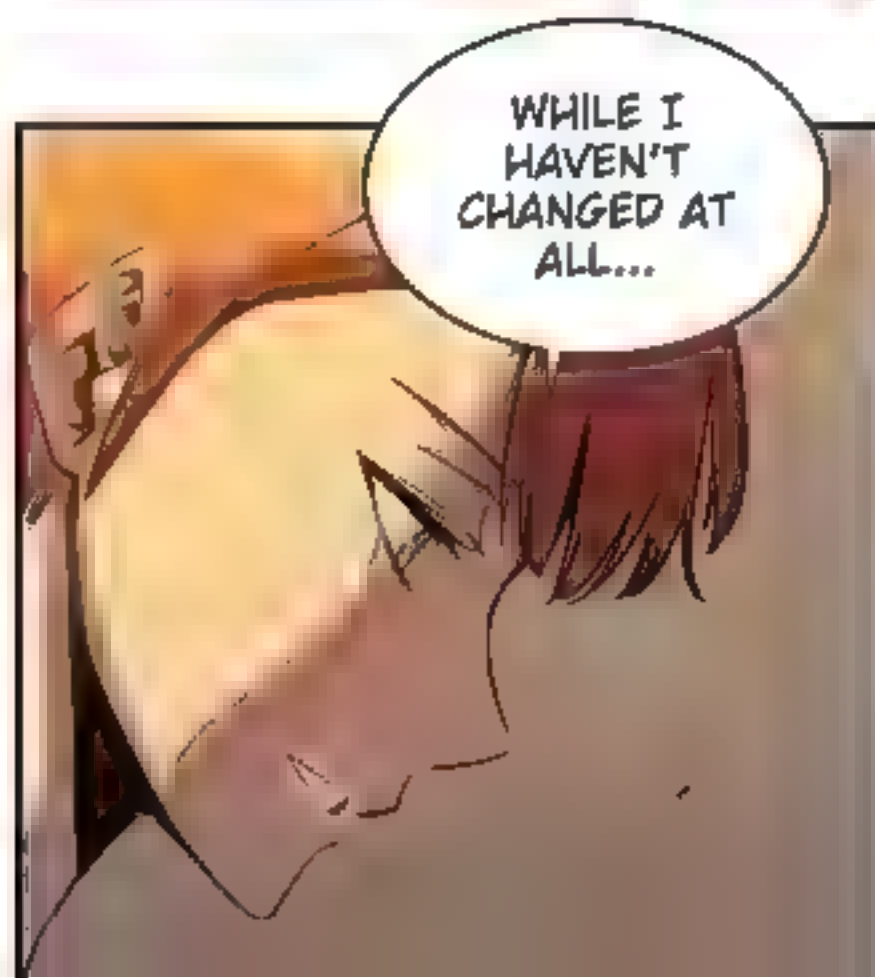
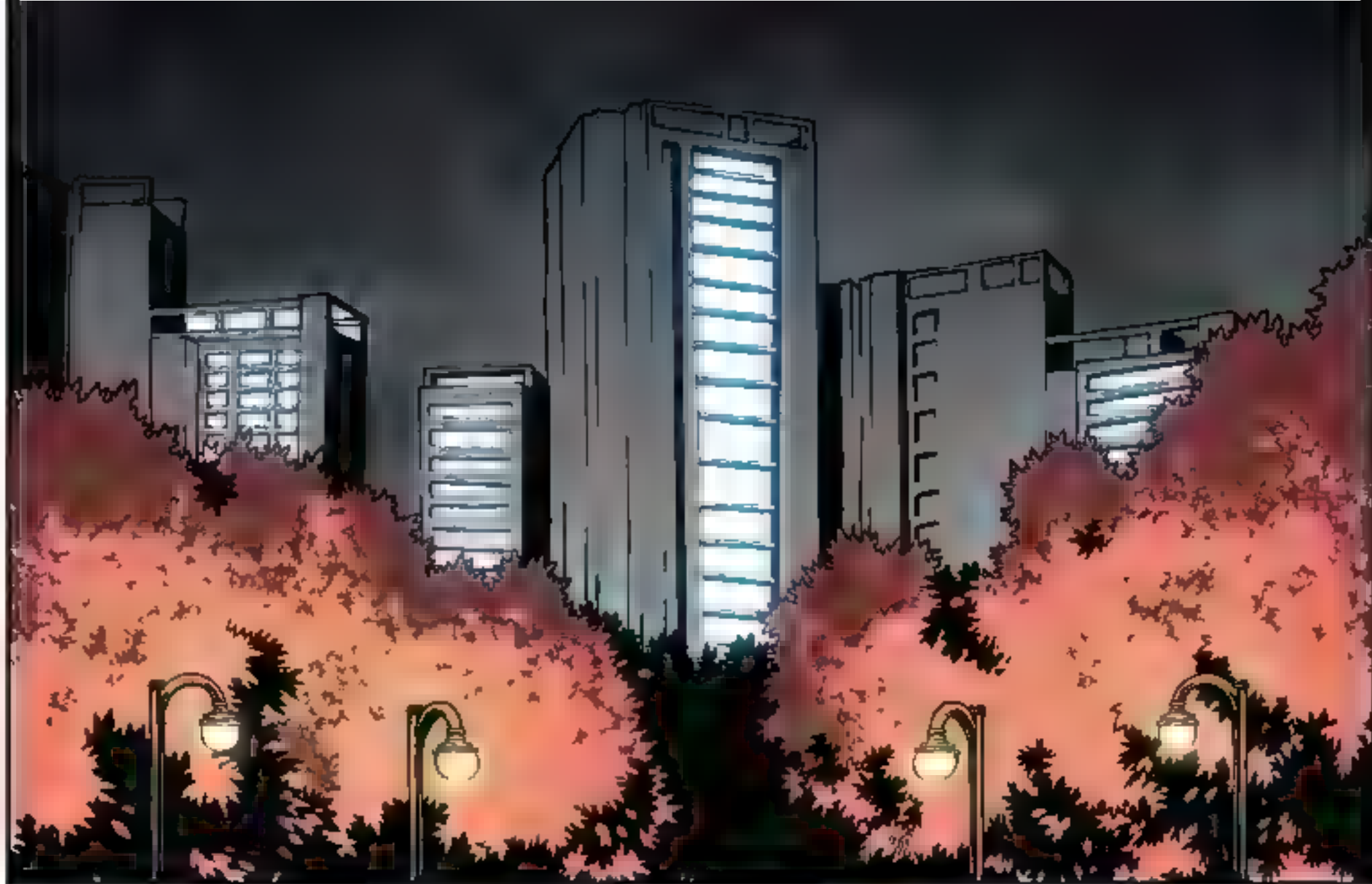
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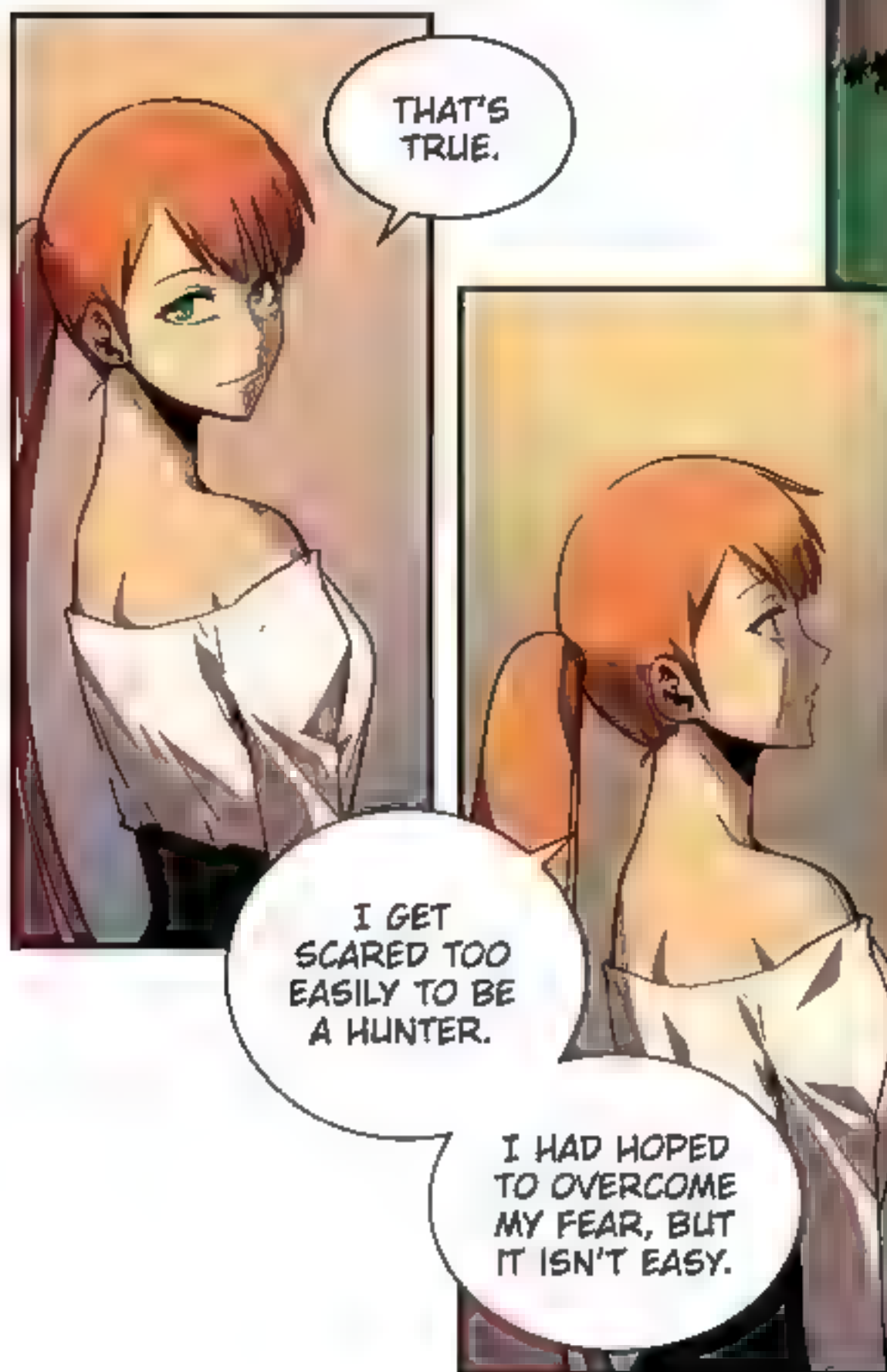
JINWOO.

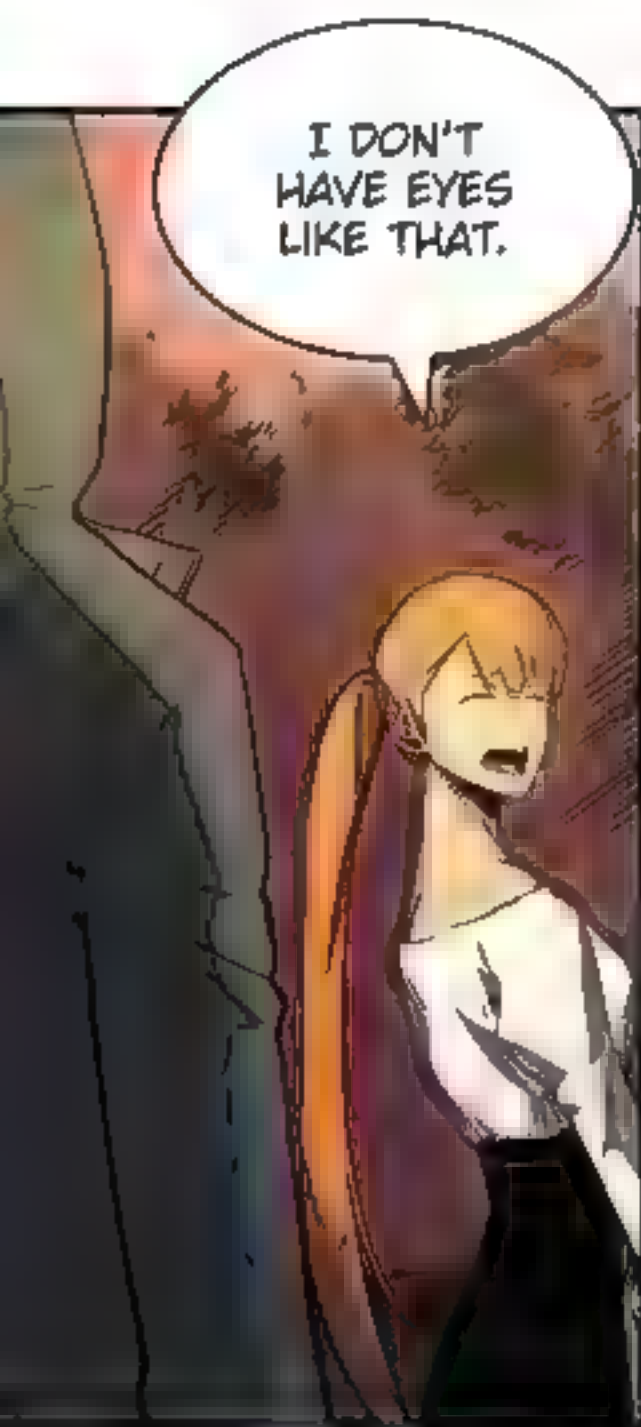
DO YOU
REMEMBER
THIS?

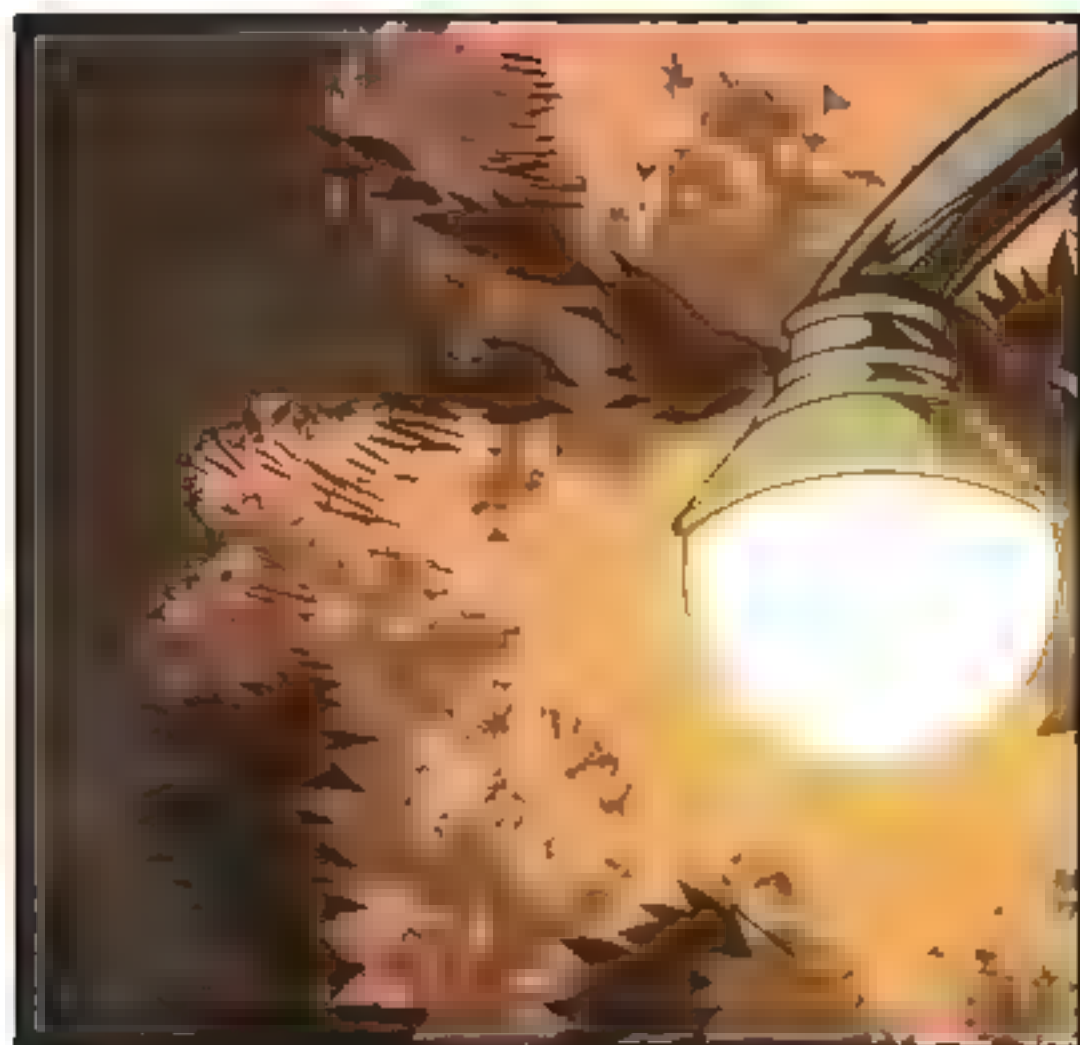
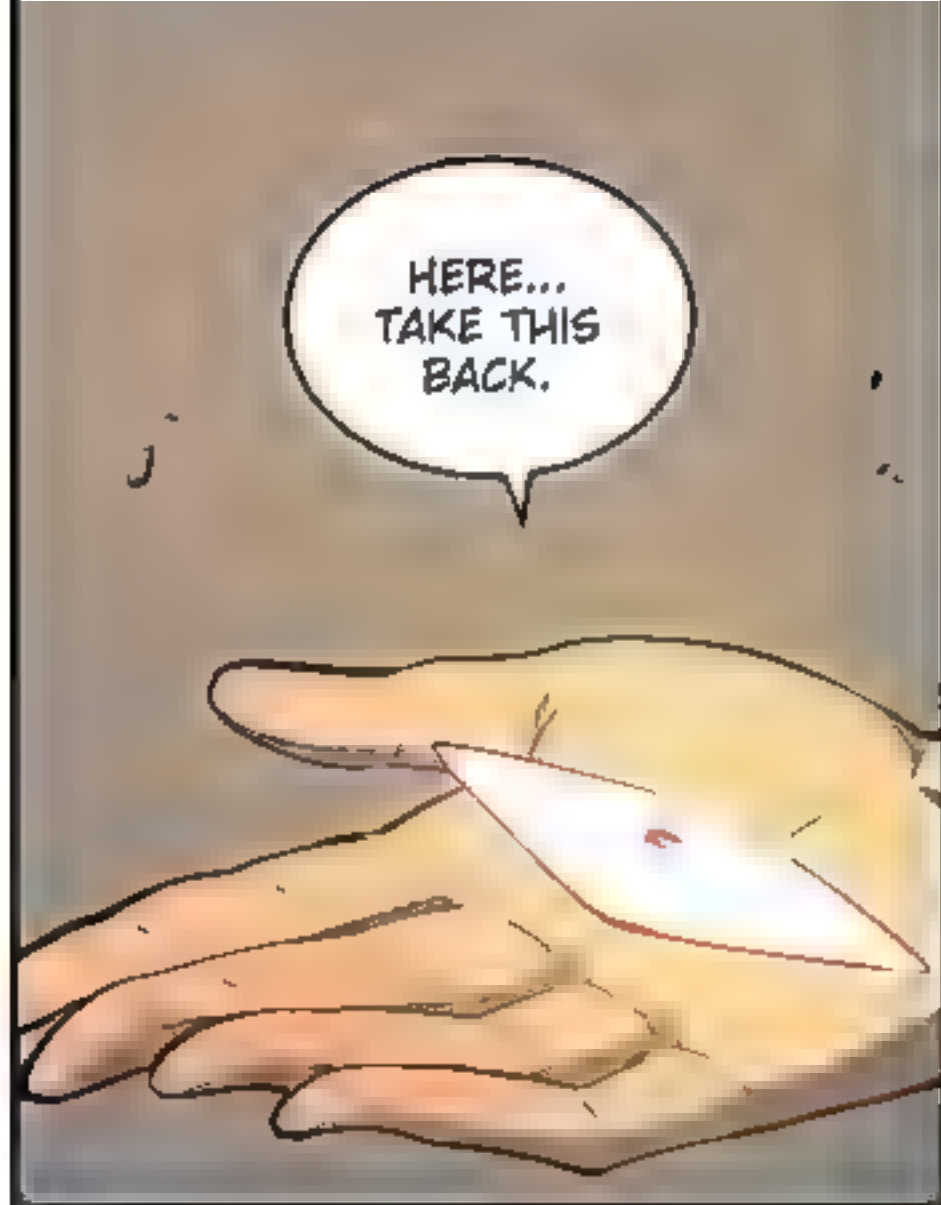


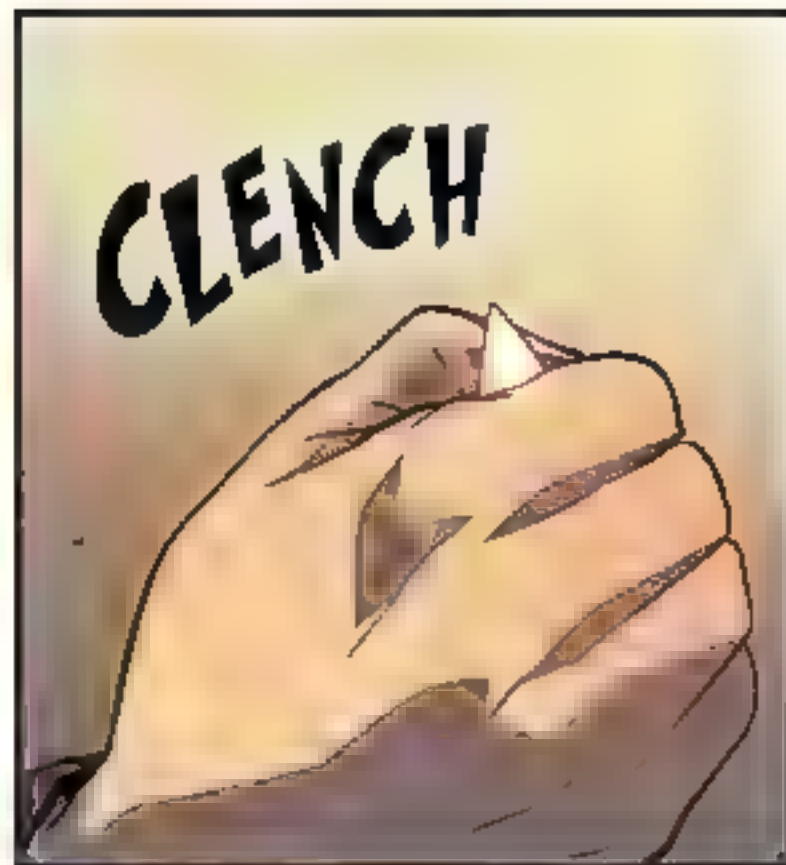
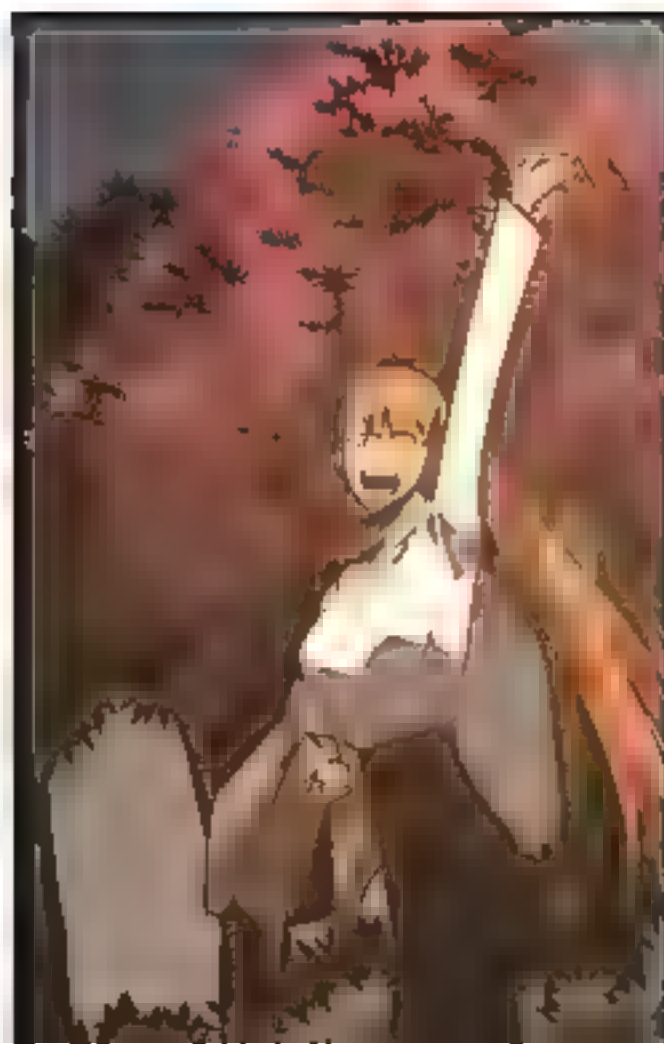
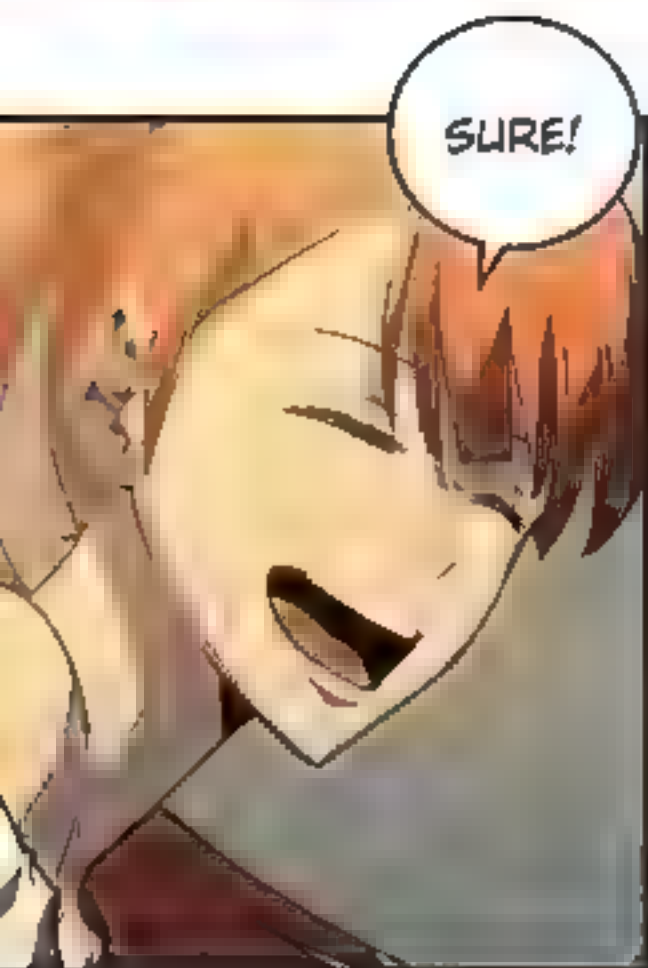




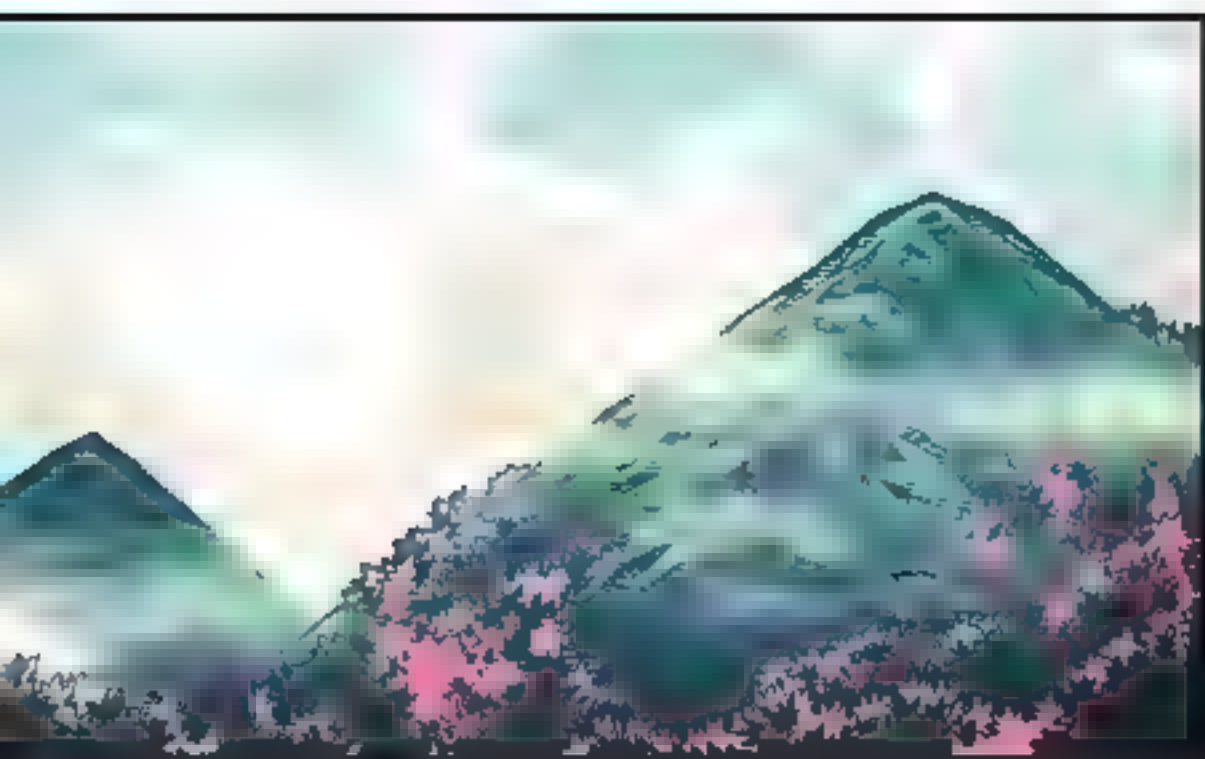


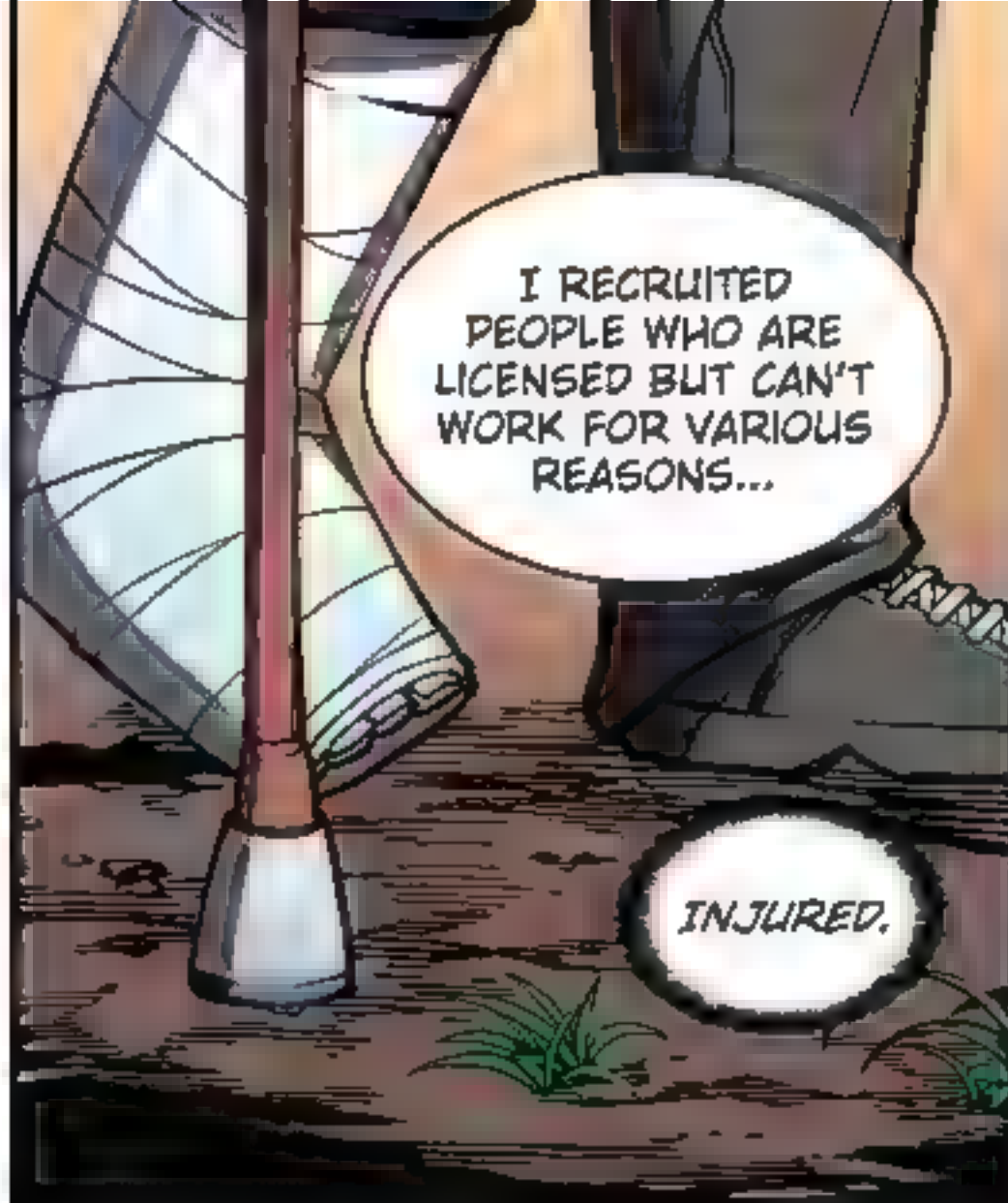


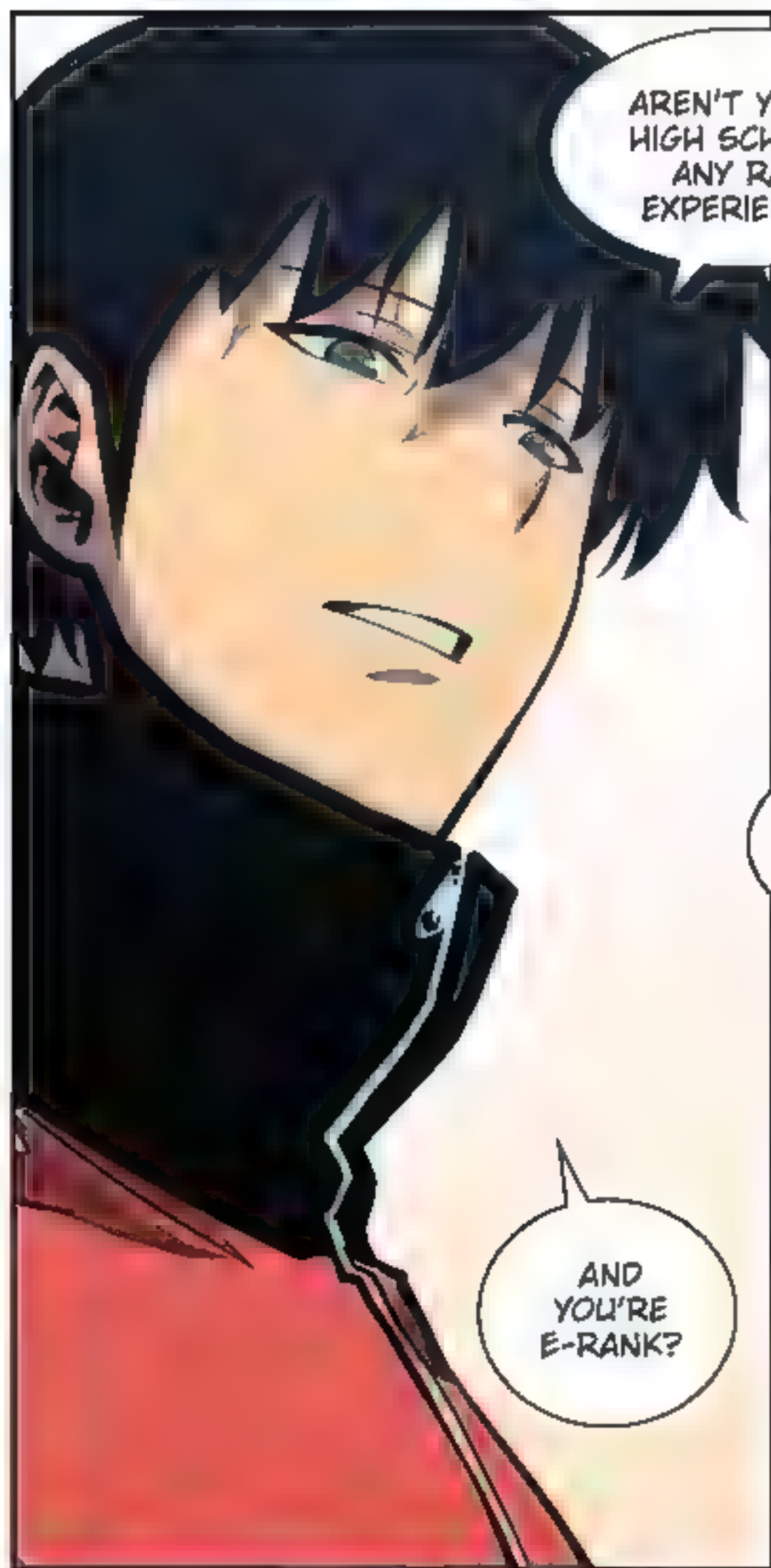












AREN'T YOU IN
HIGH SCHOOL?
ANY RAID
EXPERIENCE?

AND
YOU'RE
E-RANK?



N-NO.



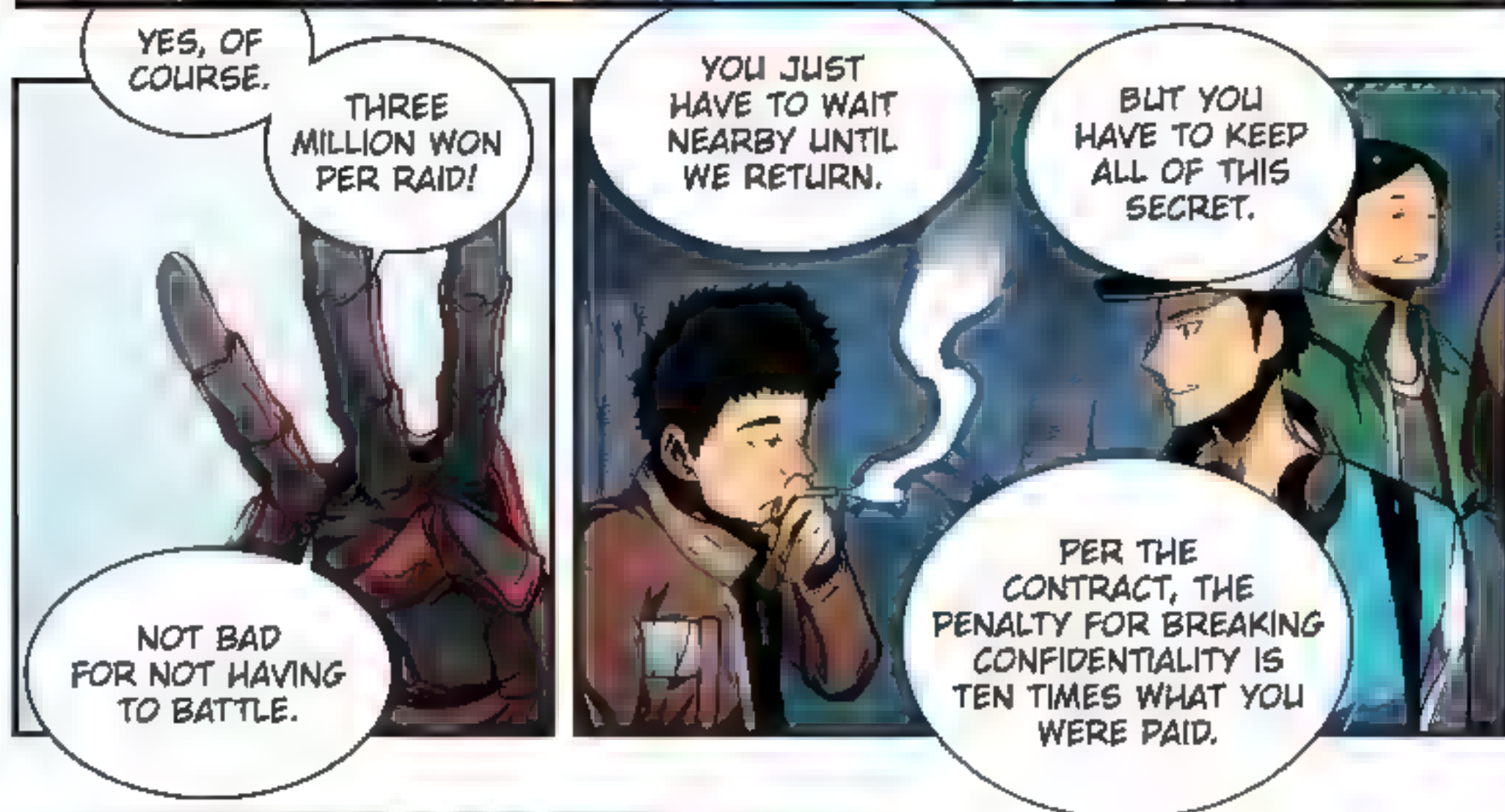
THAT'S FINE.
YOU'LL JUST
WAIT OUTSIDE
THE DUNGEON.

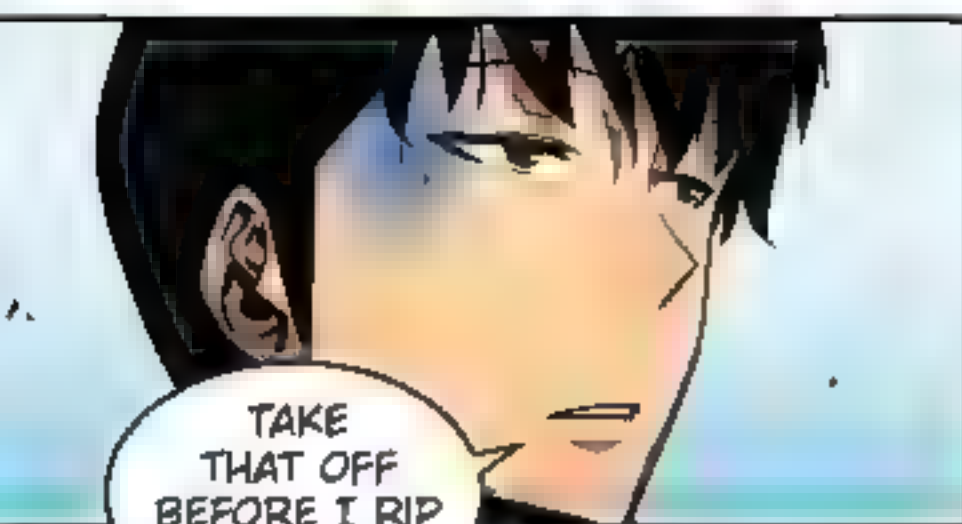
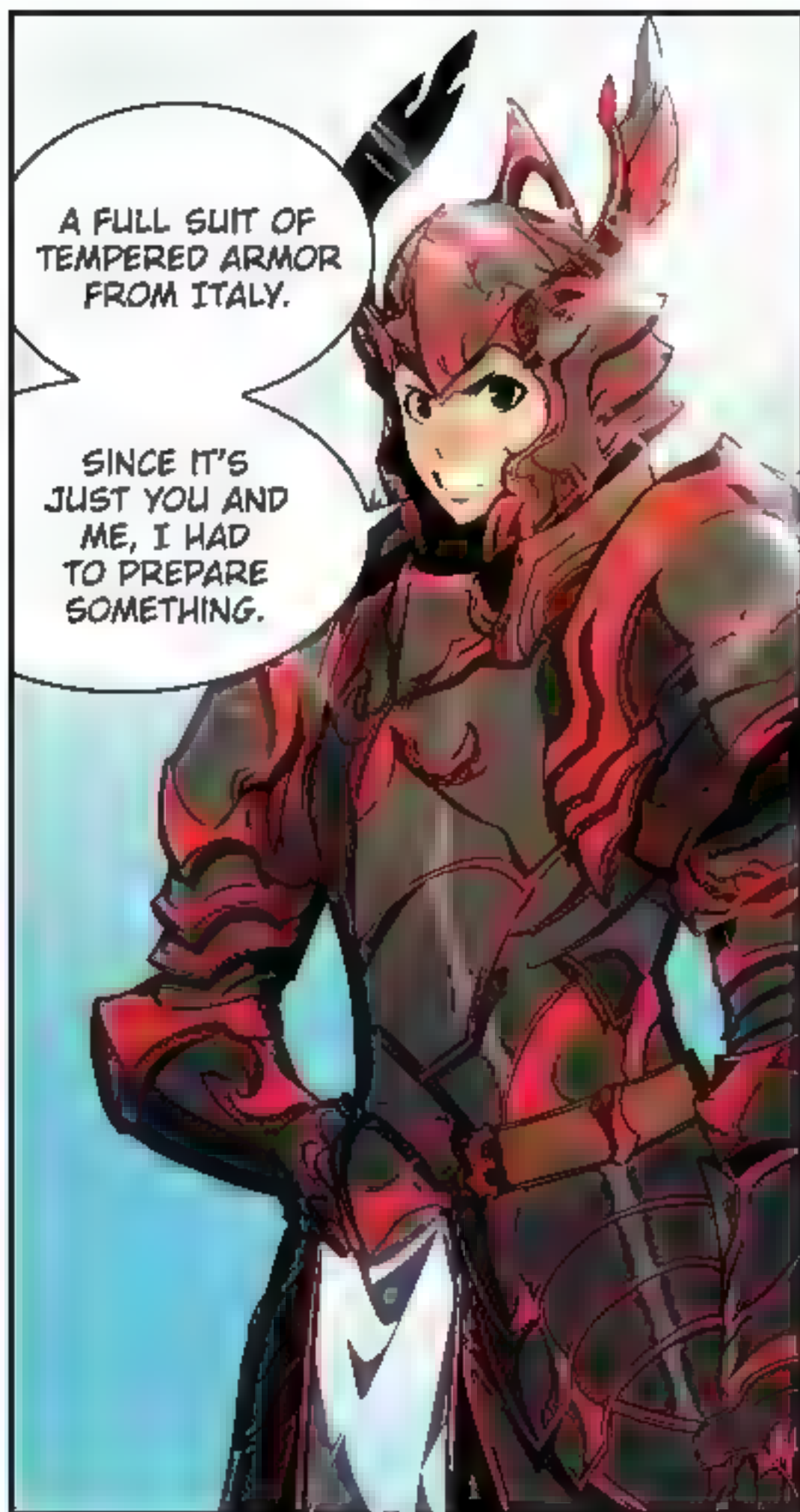
ONLY
JINHO AND I
WILL GO IN.



YOU'RE ON THE
SQUAD, BUT ONLY
THE TWO OF US WILL
GO INSIDE.

BY LAW,
WE NEED TEN
PEOPLE TO
ATTACK A C-RANK
GATE.







ONWARD,
BOSS!

BUT I'M
NERVOUS.



WHAT?

STOP
BEING SO
SERIOUS...



CAN I KEEP
THE HELMET
ON?

HAAH...
SURE, LET'S
GO.

THEY'RE
RAIDING
C-RANK
DUNGEONS
ALONE?

THEY DON'T
LOOK VERY
STRONG.



IF THEY'RE
THAT POWERFUL,
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER
TO JOIN A GUILD AND
RAID HIGHER-LEVEL
DUNGEONS?

WHAT
HAPPENS IF
THEY DIE IN
THERE?

AT LEAST
WE GOT THE
ADVANCE...

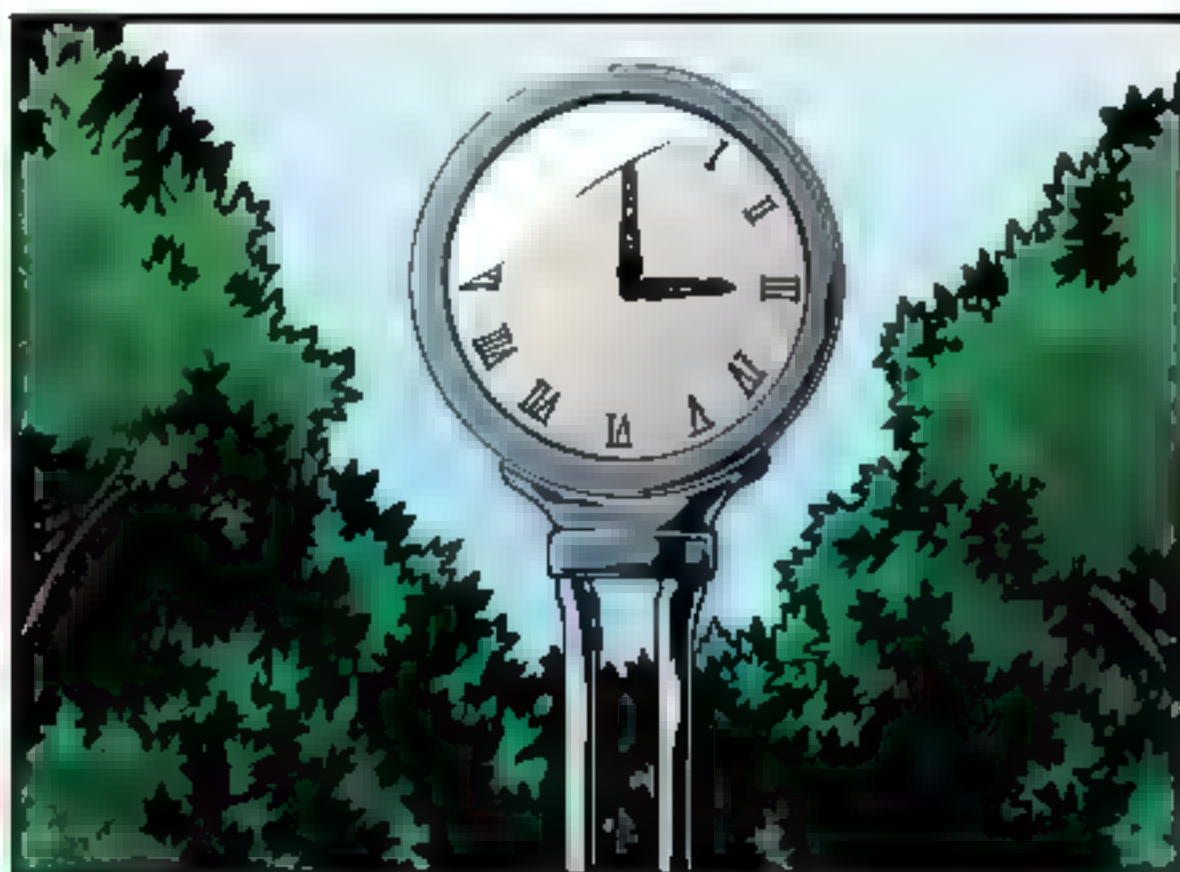
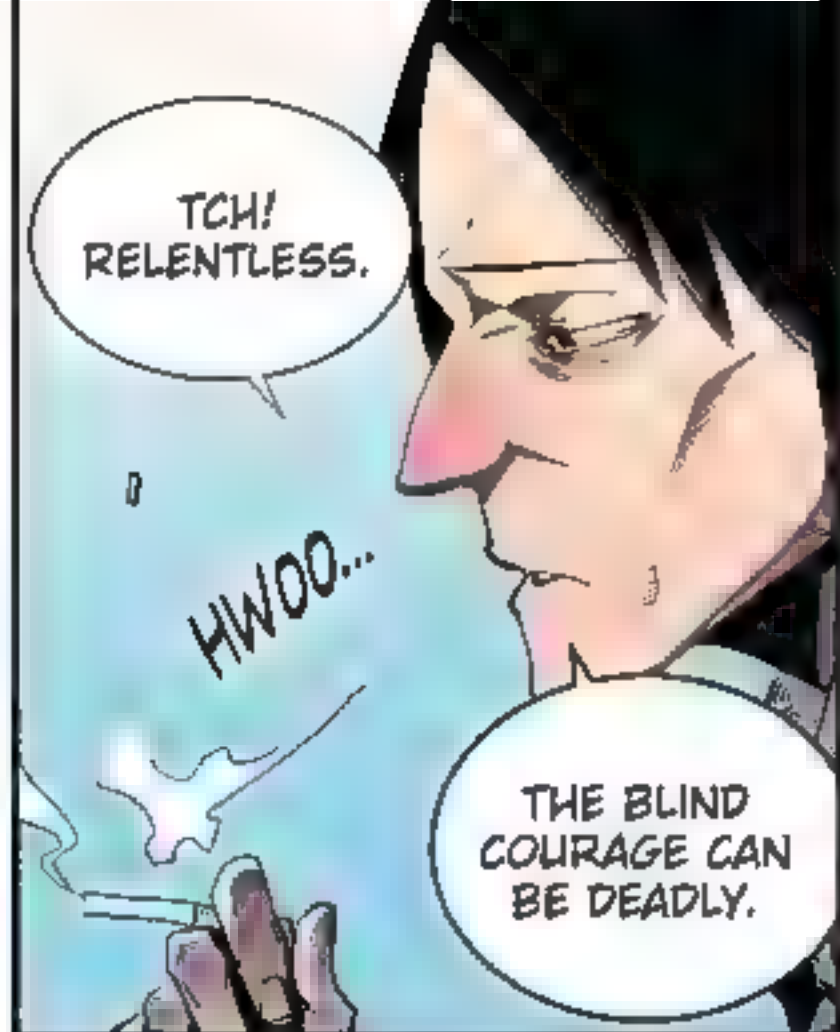


I KNOW HIM.
JINWOO SUNG,
AN E-RANK
HUNTER.

OTHER
HUNTERS CALL
HIM "THE WEAKEST
HUNTER OF ALL
MANKIND."

WHAT
KIND OF
NICKNAME IS
THAT?

AND THE
SQUAD LEADER
IS D-RANK.





**WHAT?!
TWO HUNDRED
FIFTY MILLION
WON?**

**THERE ARE
IDIOTS WHO'D
PAY THAT MUCH
FOR A C-RANK
GATE PERMIT?**

**THERE'S A SQUAD
THAT ALWAYS BIDS THE
HIGHEST FOR C-RANK
GATES IN THE AREA,
LEAVING NOTHING
FOR OUR LOWER-RANK
HUNTERS!**

**THE STARTING BID
WAS ABOUT SEVENTY
MILLION, BUT AFTER I
BID A HUNDRED MILLION,
THEY PAID TWO HUNDRED
FIFTY MILLION WON
FOR THE ATTACK PERMIT.**

**THEIR
LEADER'S NAME
IS JINHO YOO.**

**NEVER
HEARD OF
HIM.**

**I BELIEVE
HE'S THE
YOUNGEST SON OF
THE CHAIRMAN OF
YOOJIN CON-
STRUCTION.**

**IT LOOKS
LIKE HE'S USING
THE COMPANY'S
FINANCIAL POWER
TO BUY GATES.**

**BUT IT'S A
LOSS FOR
THEM.**

**IS THIS A
TRUST-FUND
BABY'S HOBBY?
OR A JOKE?**

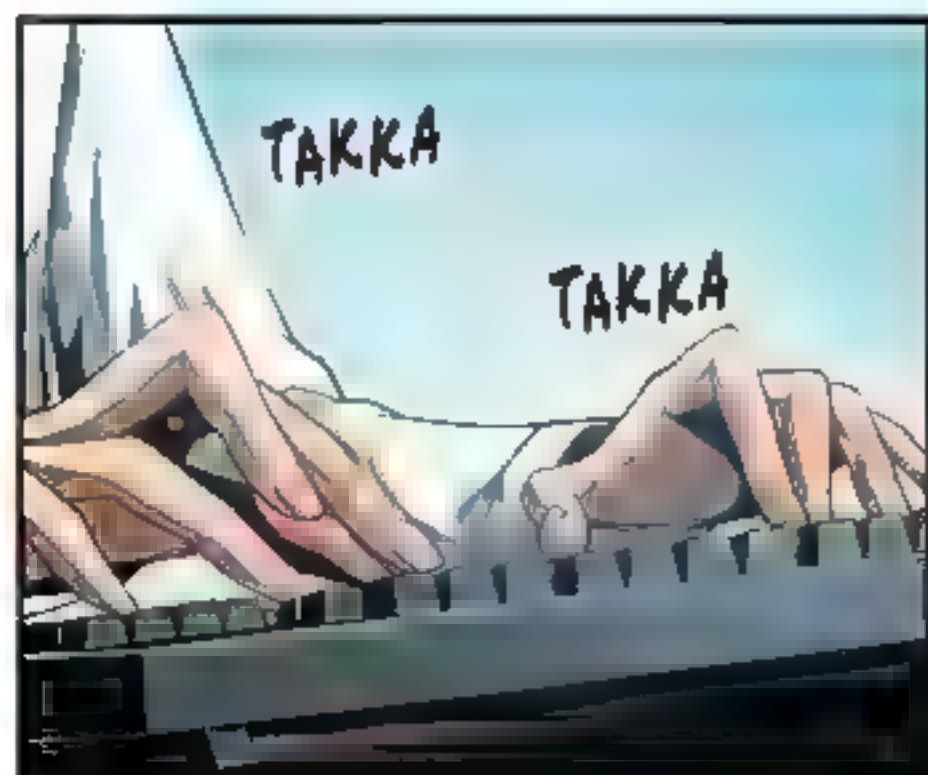
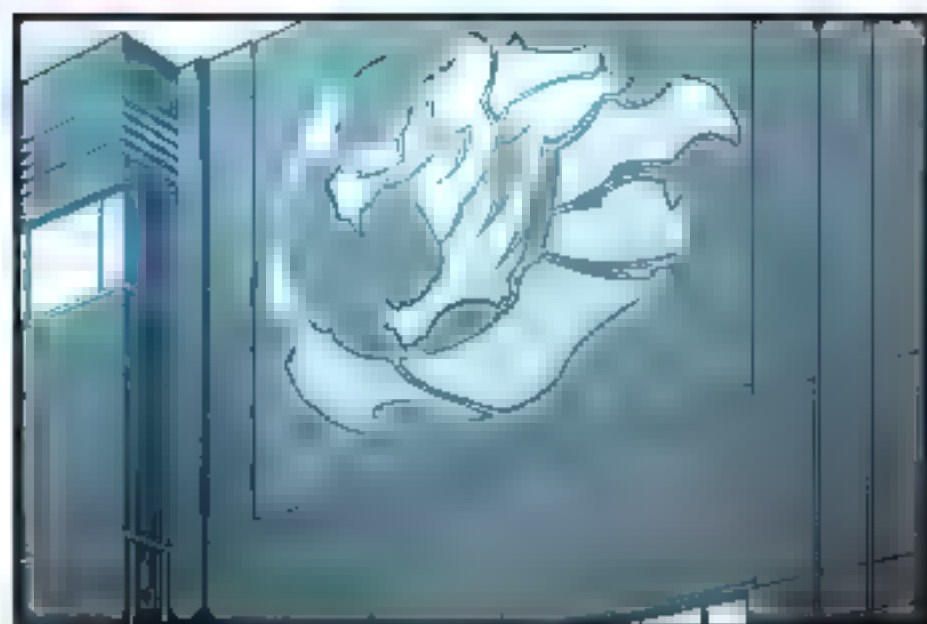
!

**KICHUL, THERE
WAS A SURVIVOR
FROM THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON INCIDENT
A FEW MONTHS
AGO, RIGHT?**

**YES,
HIS NAME
WAS—**

**JINWOO
SUNG,
CORRECT?**

**YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT.**





JINWOO SUNG
HAS EMERGED
UNSCATHED
FROM THREE
INCIDENTS.



FIRST WAS
THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON.

THE
SECOND WAS THE
ANNIHILATION OF
DONGSUK
HWANG'S STRIKE
SQUAD.

THE THIRD
ONE WAS A RECENT
INCIDENT INVOLVING THE
HIT-MAN HUNTER FROM
THE SURVEILLANCE
TEAM.



JINWOO
AND JINHO
MET DURING
THE SECOND
INCIDENT.

AND JINHO'S
CONNECTED
TO YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION...

RUMOR HAS IT
THAT CHAIRMAN
MYUNGHAN YOO HAS
BEEN SEARCHING
FOR HIGH-RANK
HUNTERS TO START
A GUILD.

IF THAT'S TRUE,
WHAT JINHO IS
DOING ISN'T
TOTALLY CRAZY.



RECRUITING
HUNTERS
WITH GREAT
SKILL...

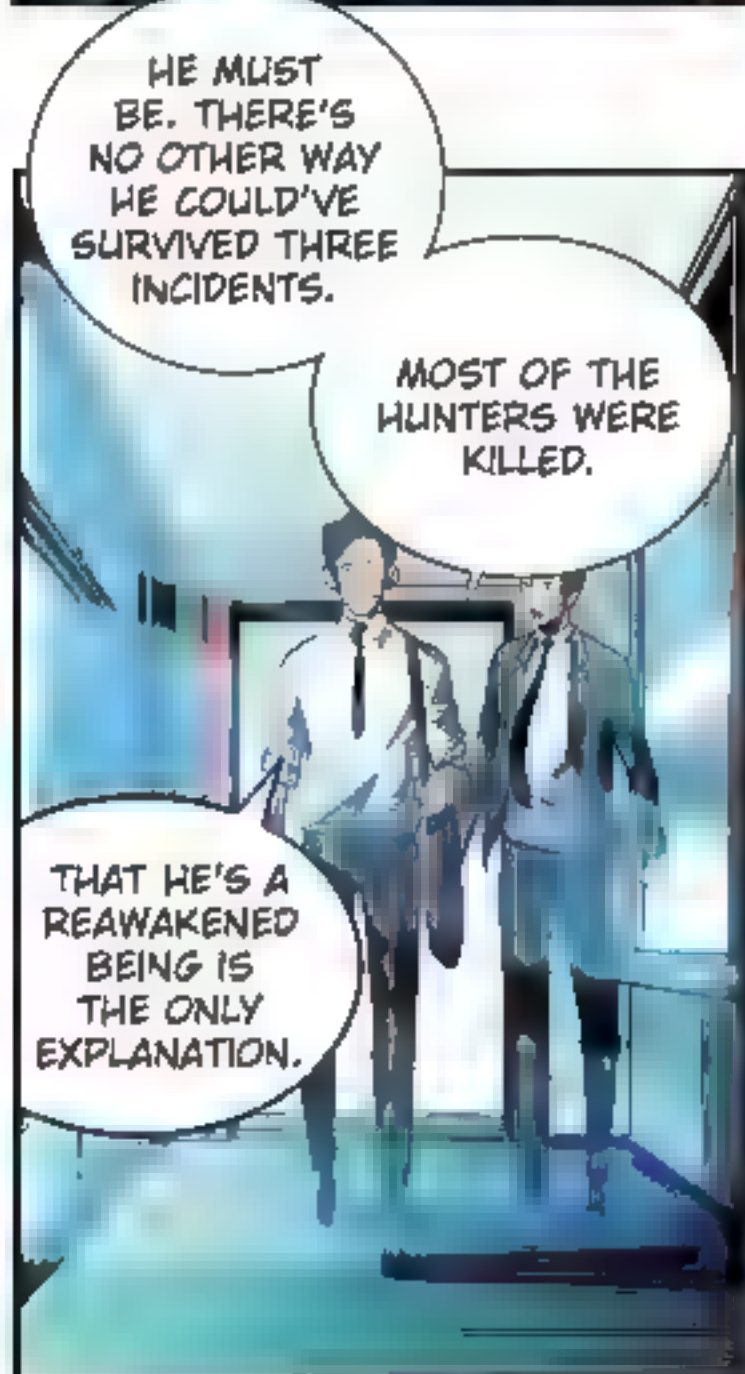
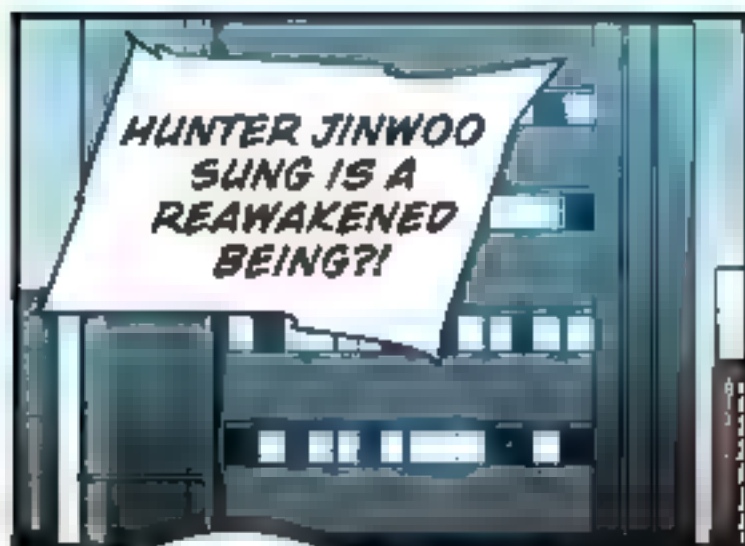
...E-RANK
JINWOO...

...CLEARING
C-RANK GATES
QUICKLY...



THAT
MEANS...

...JINWOO
SUNG IS A
REAWAKENED
HUNTER!



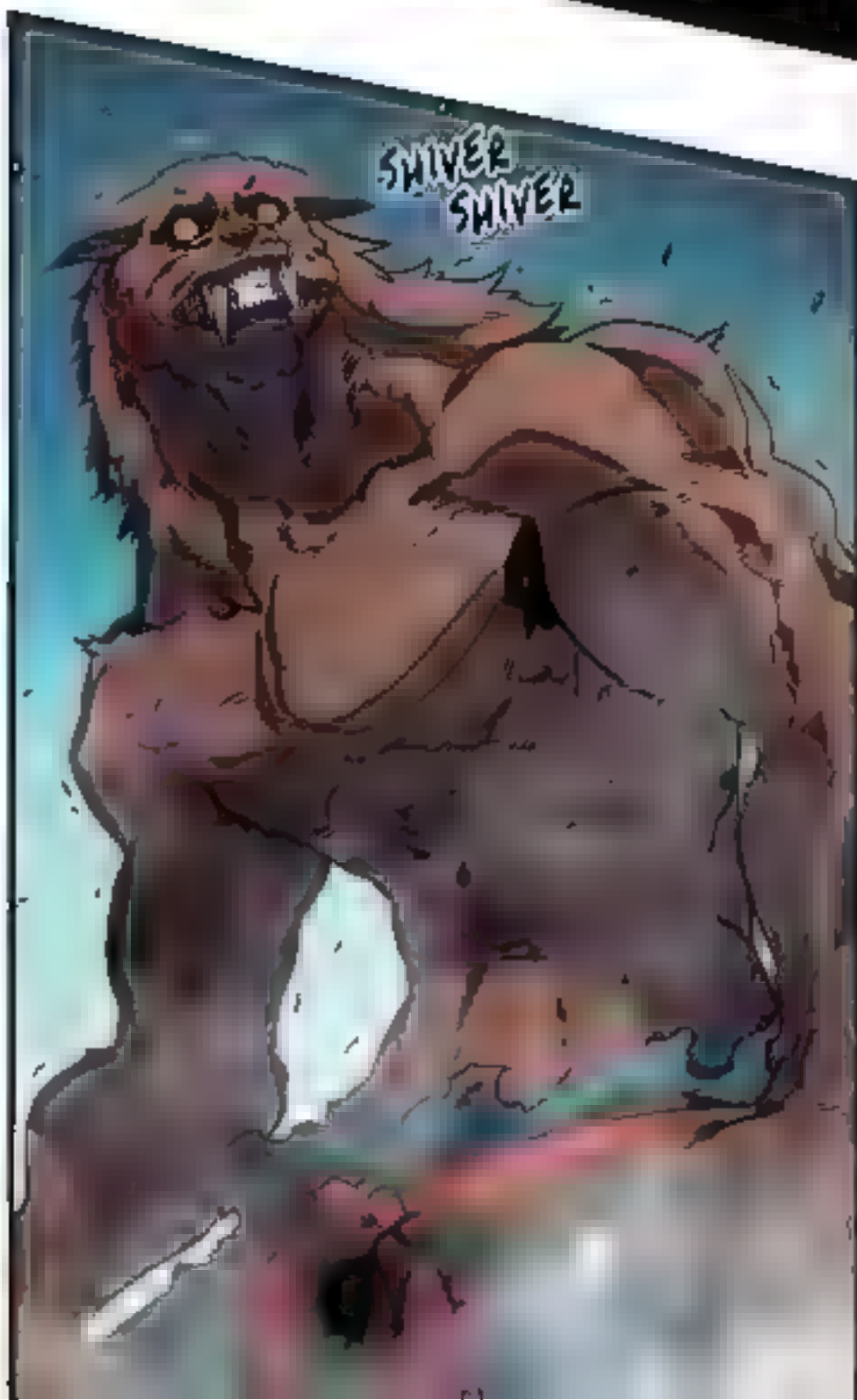
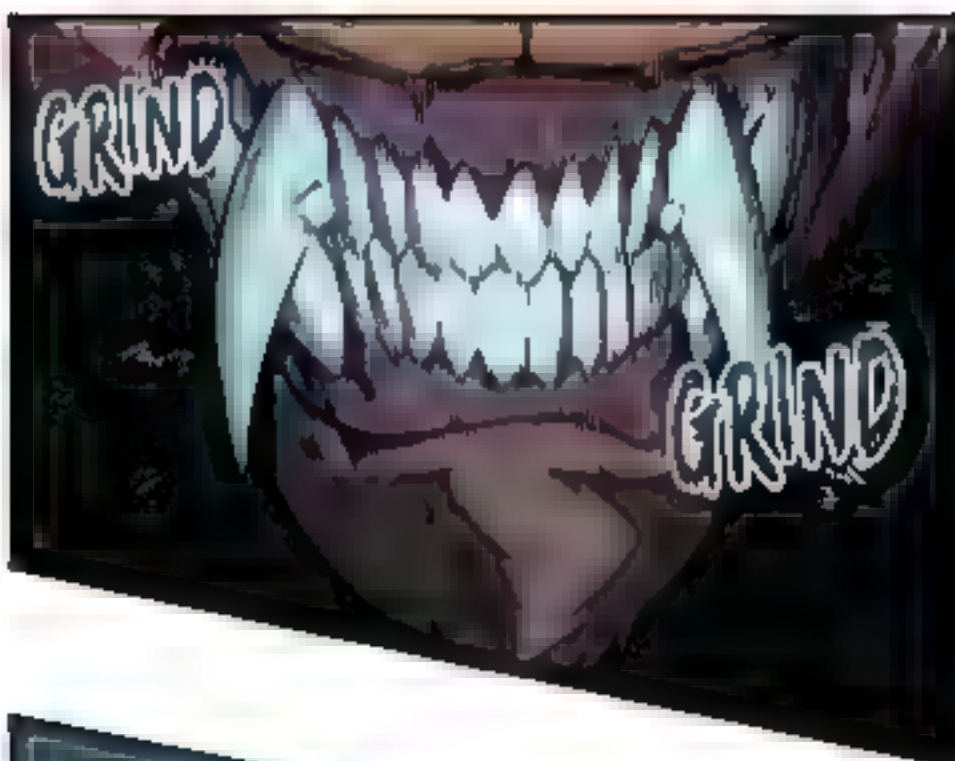
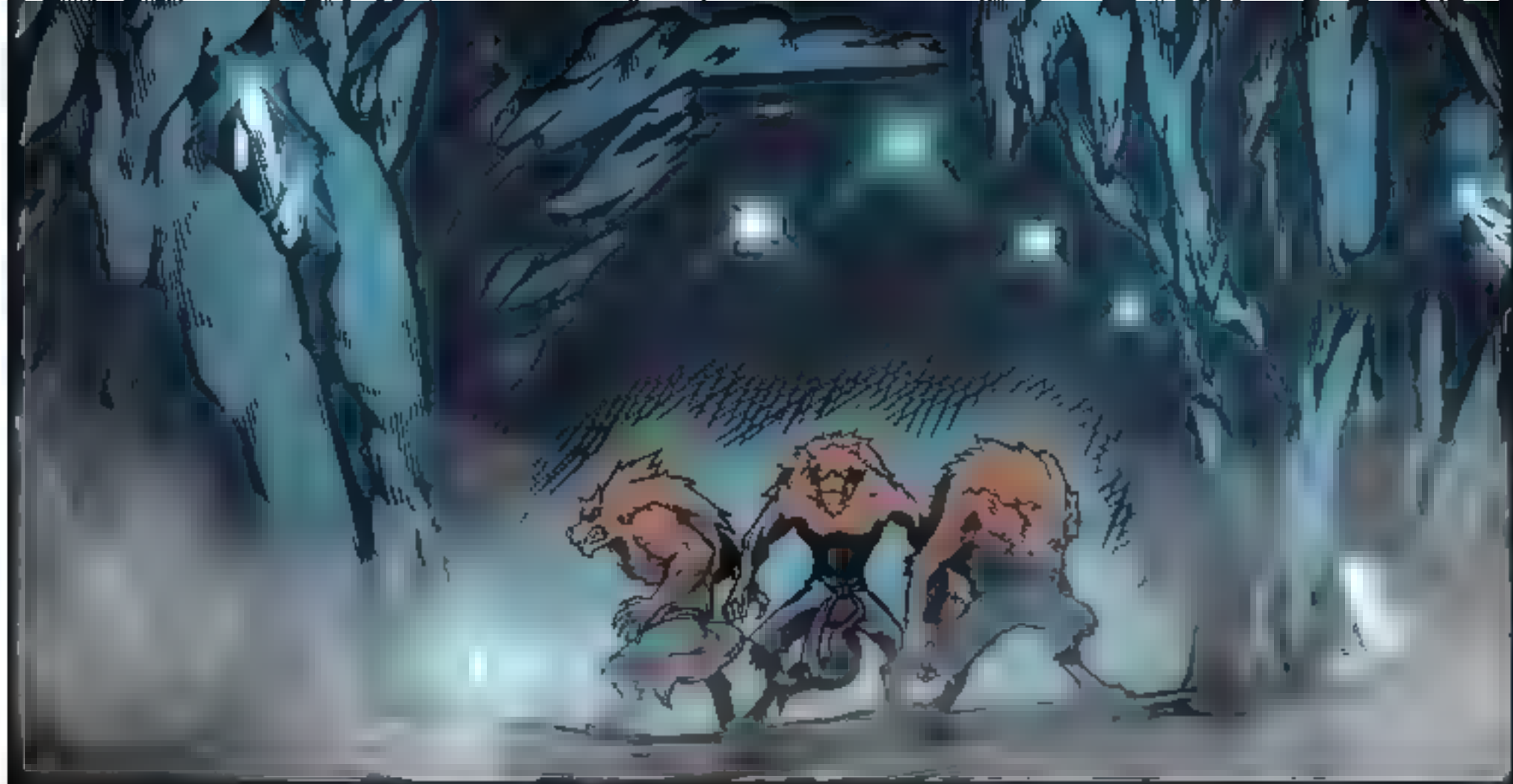


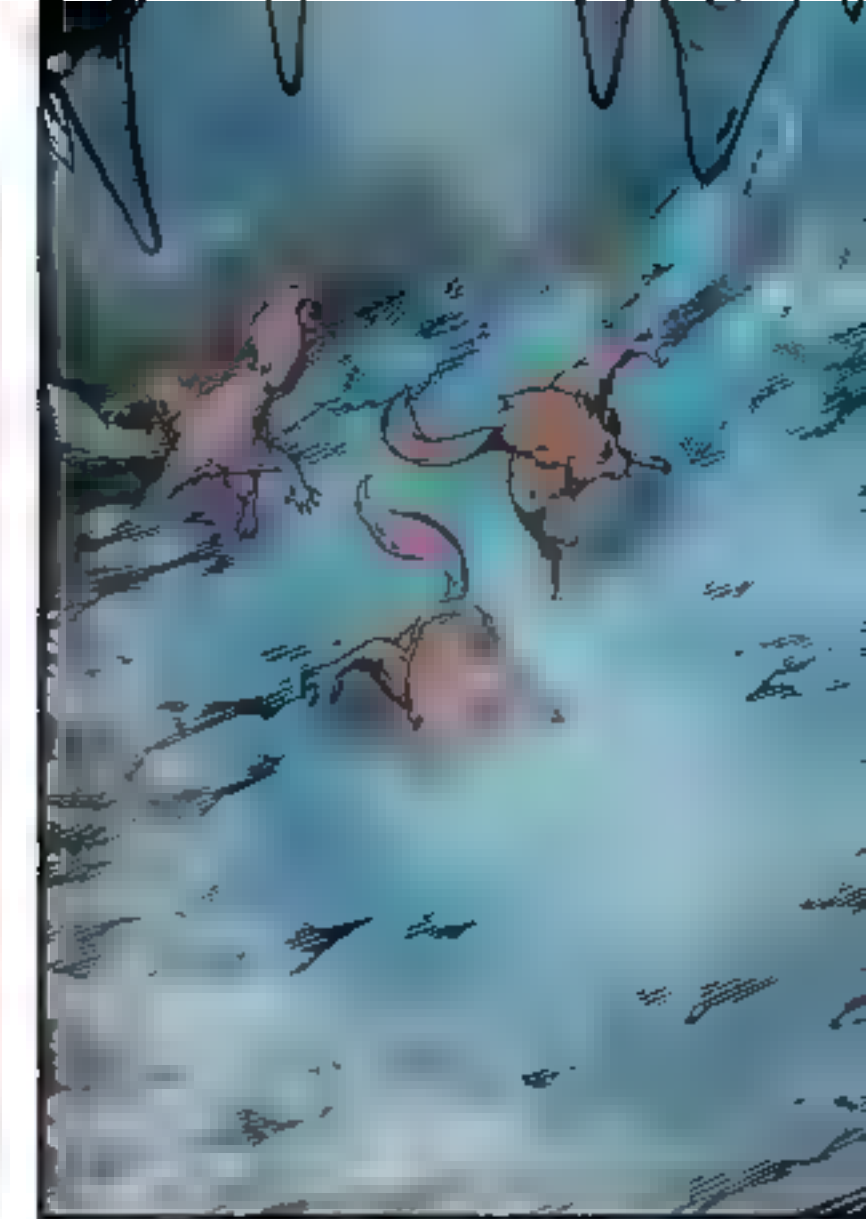
TO RECRUIT A
NEW MEMBER.

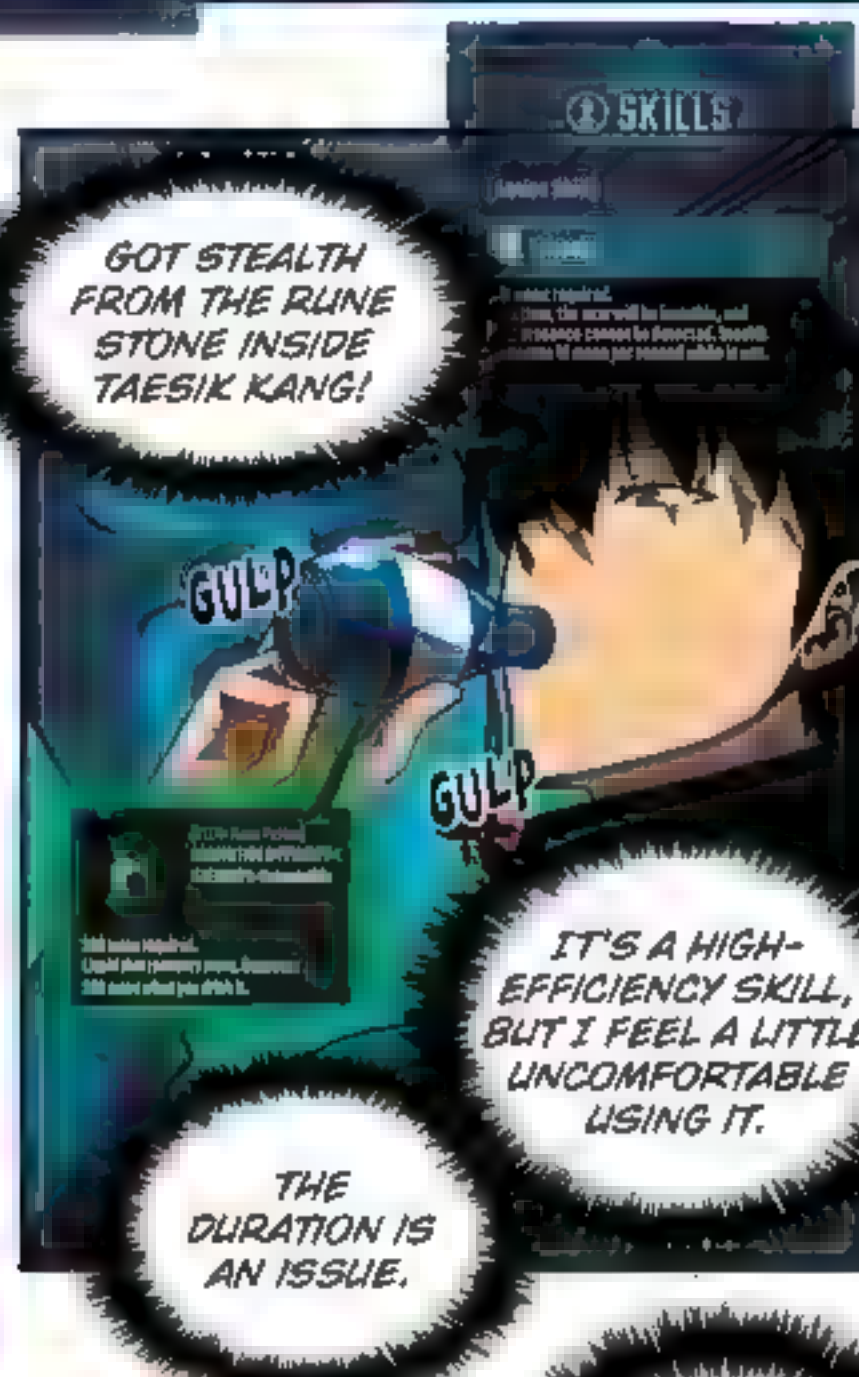
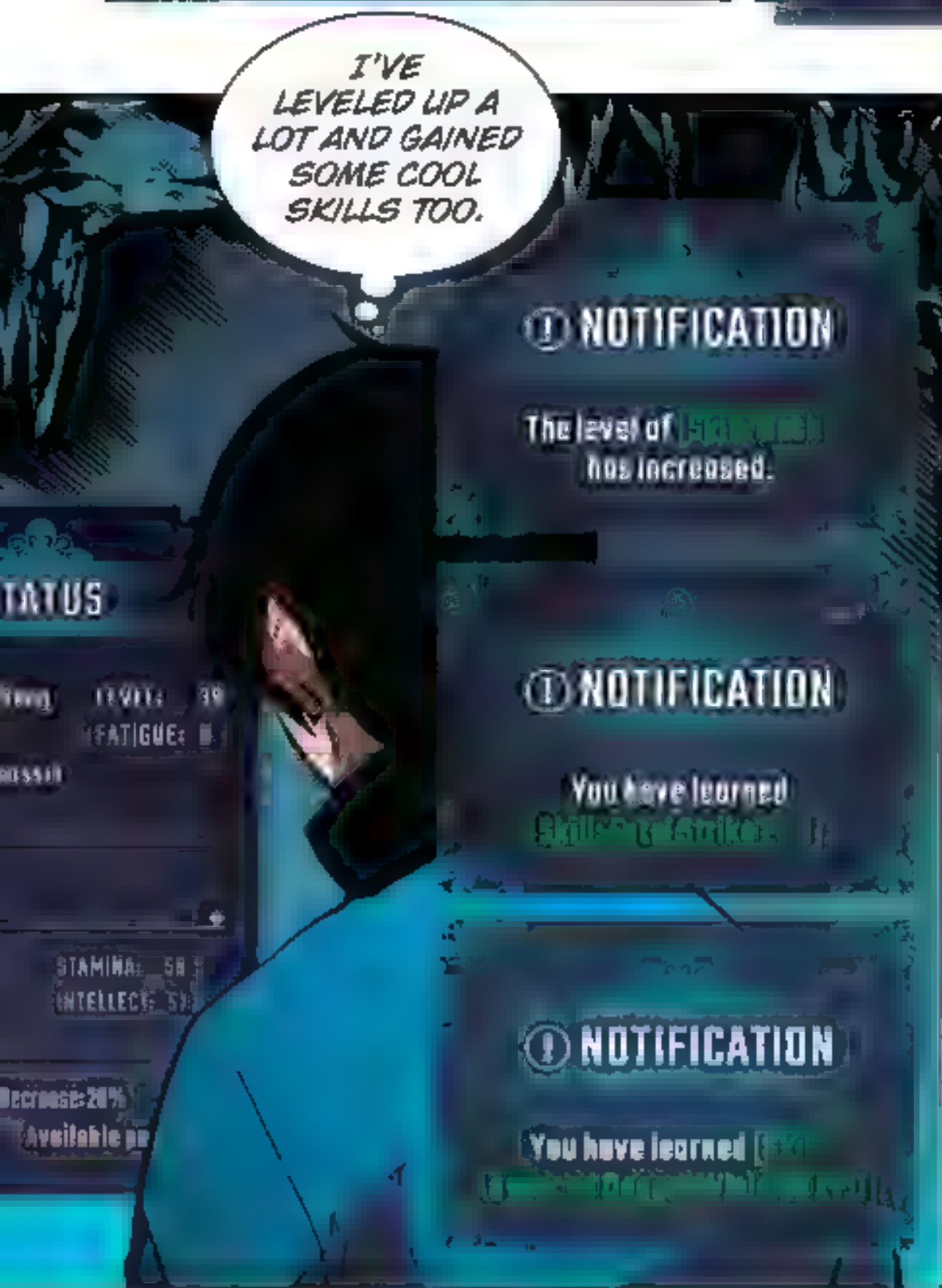
HE'S GOING
TO RECRUIT A
NEW MEMBER
HIMSELF...?

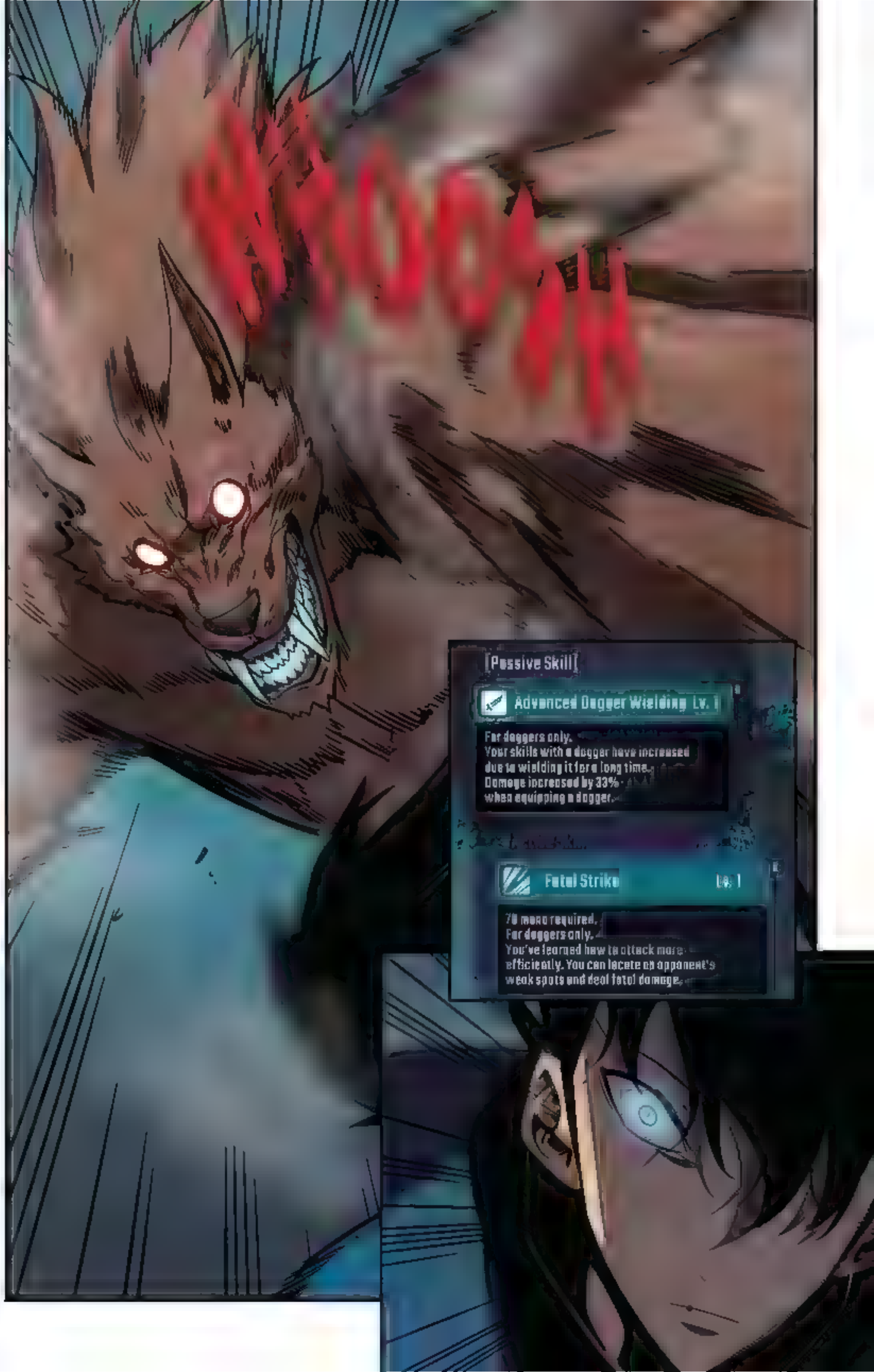
THIS IS
HUGE!

LET'S
GO.









[Passive Skill]



Advanced Dagger Wielding Lv. 1

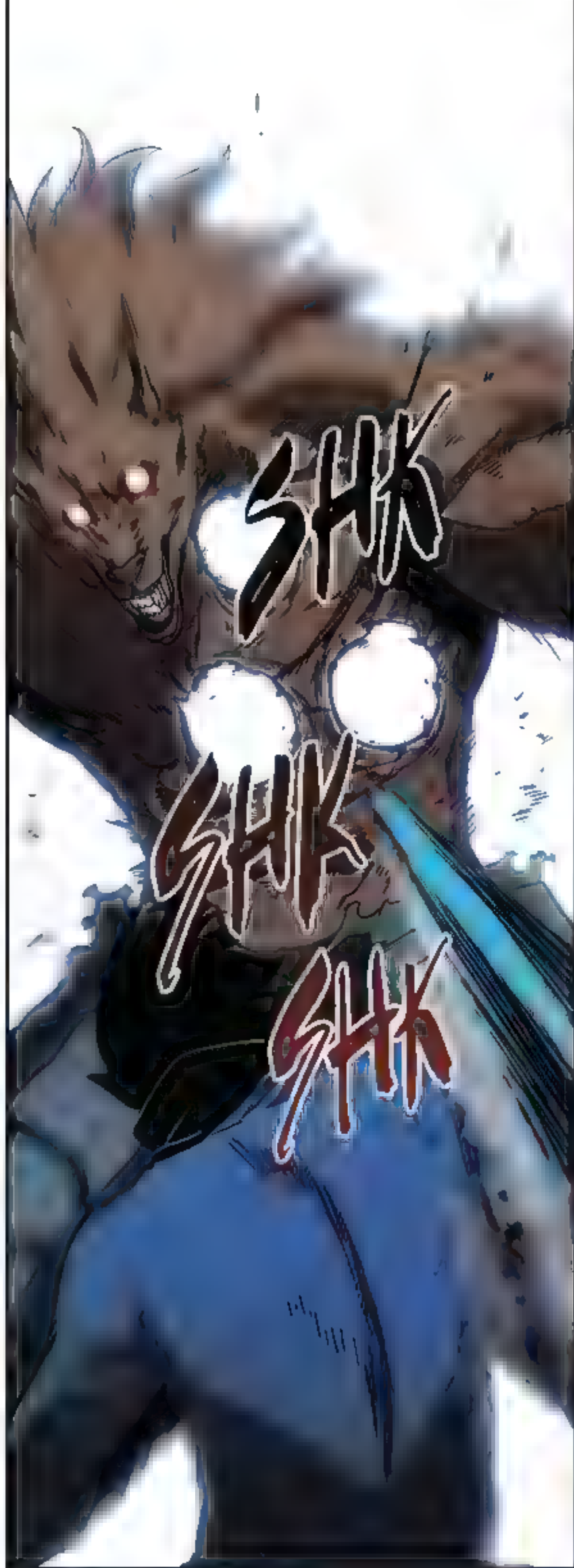
For daggers only.
Your skills with a dagger have increased
due to wielding it for a long time.
Damage increased by 33%
when equipping a dagger.



Fatal Strike

Lv. 1

70 mana required.
For daggers only.
You've learned how to attack more
efficiently. You can locate an opponent's
weak spots and deal fatal damage.



A Player has reached
the required level.

PING!

① NOTIFICATION

A ~~job-change quest~~
has arrived.

① NOTIFICATION

Would you like to accept the
job-change quest?

ACCEPT

DECLINE

STATUS

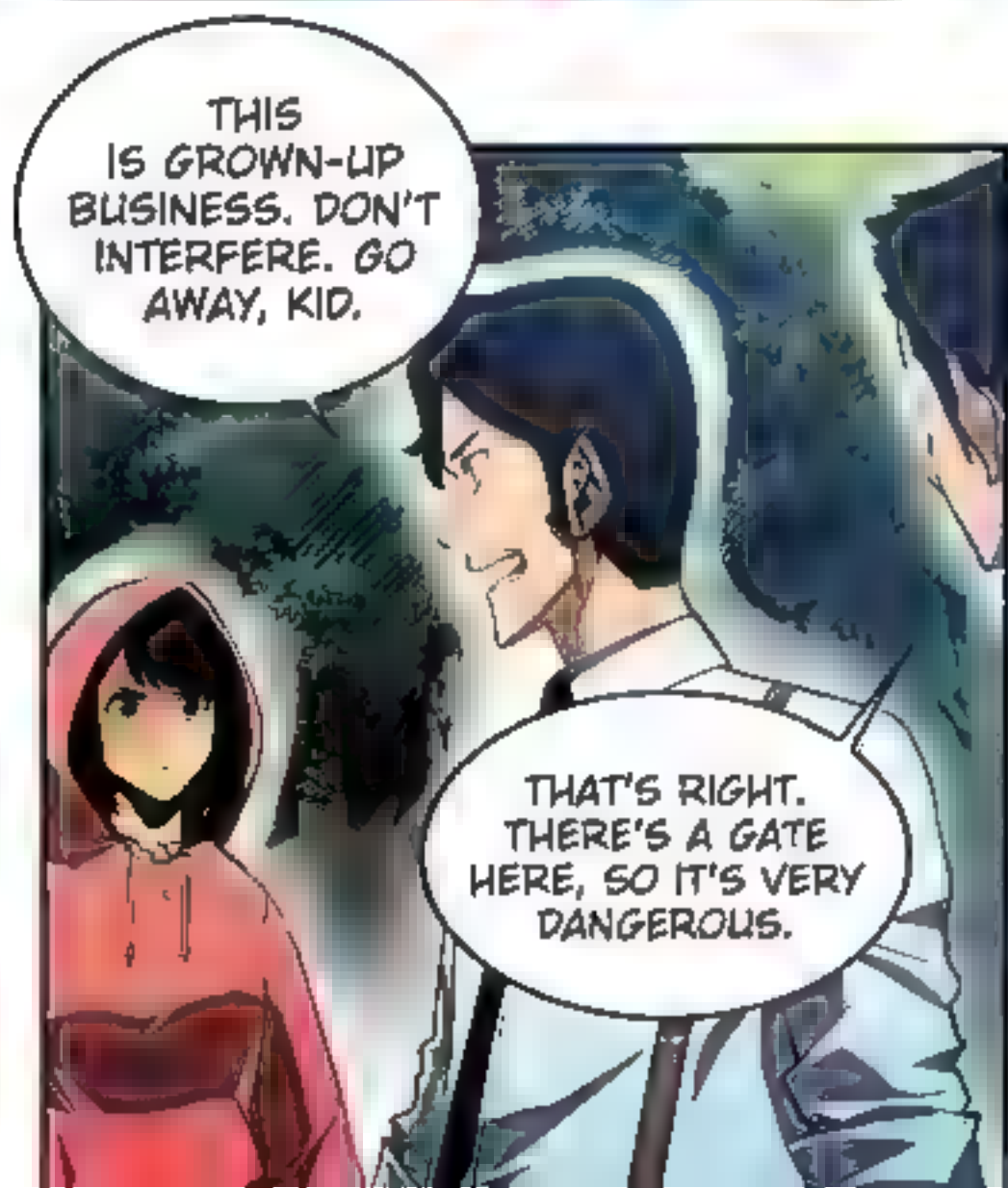
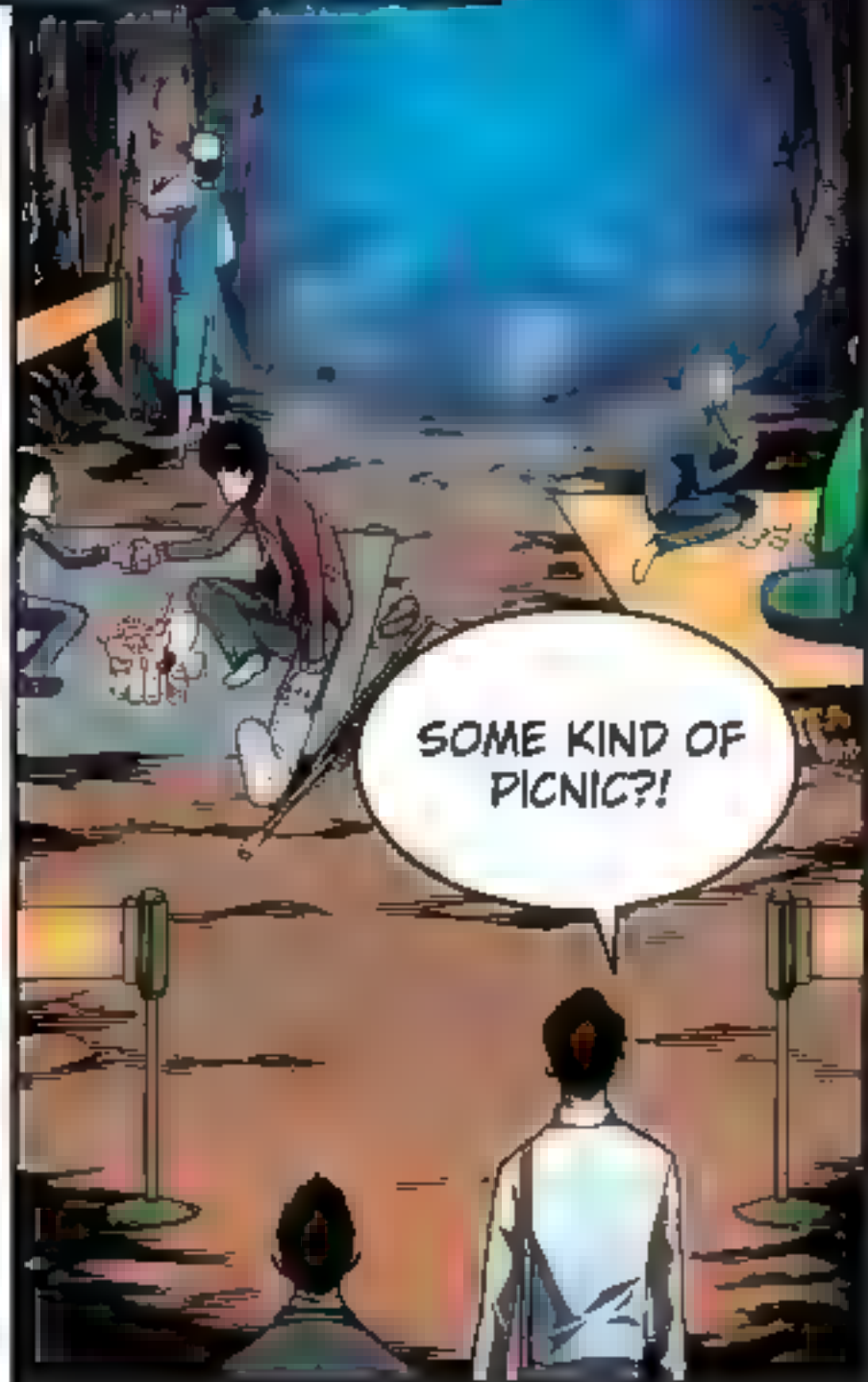
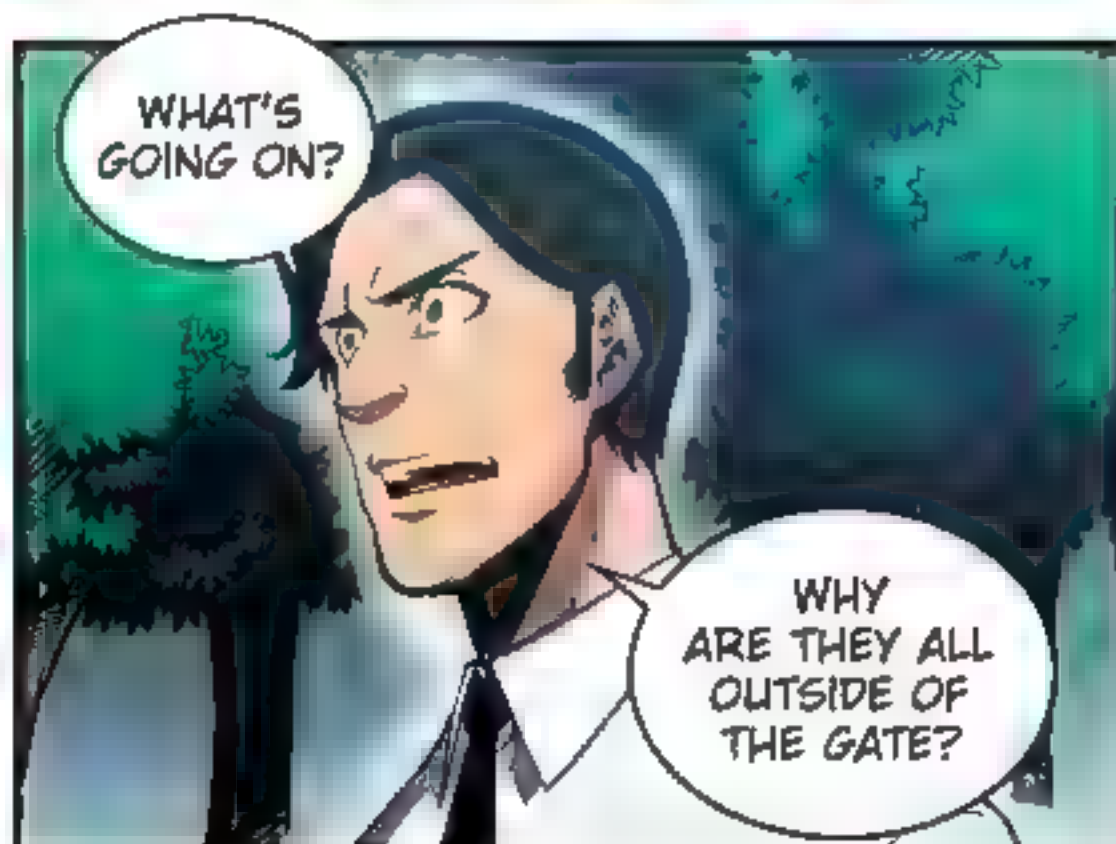
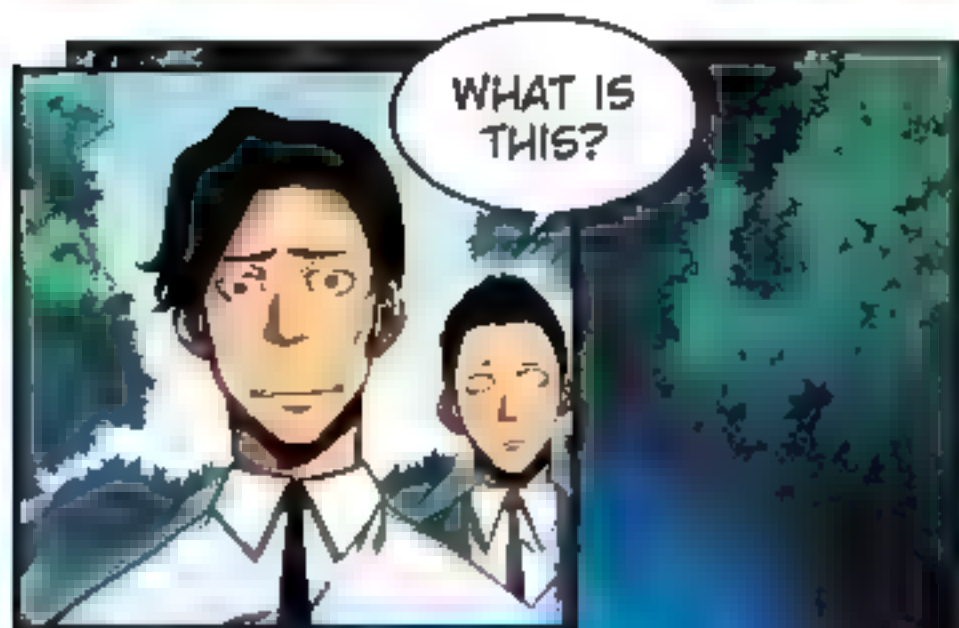
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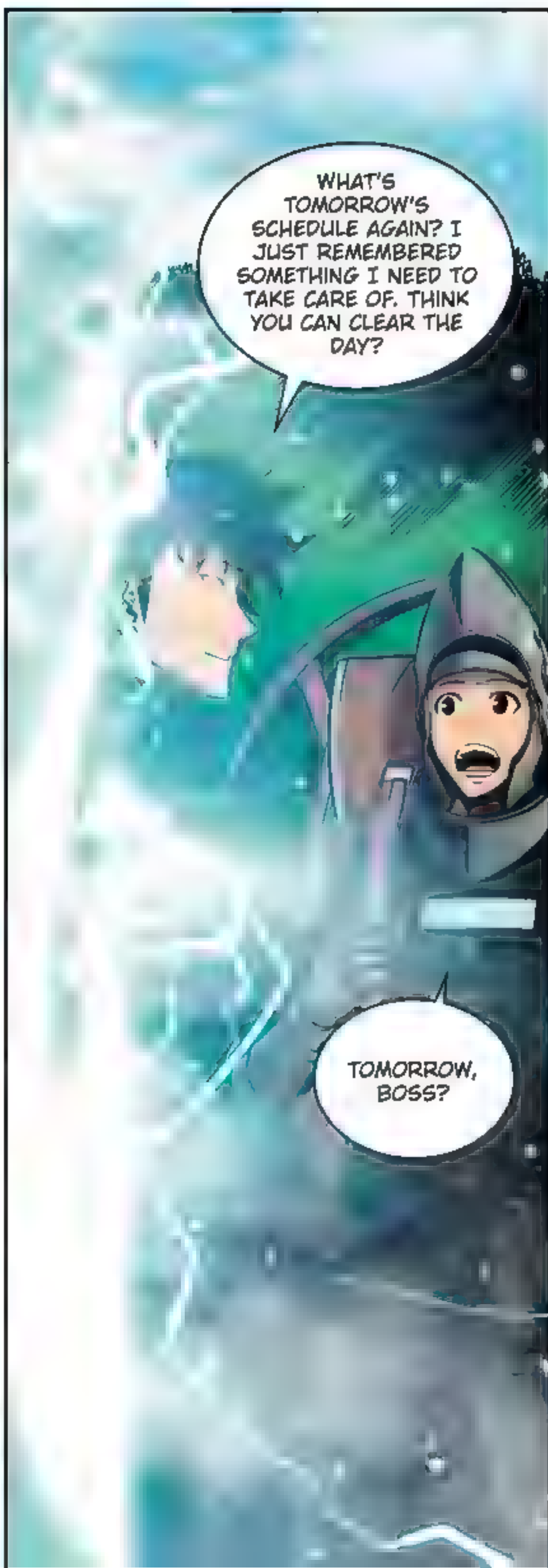
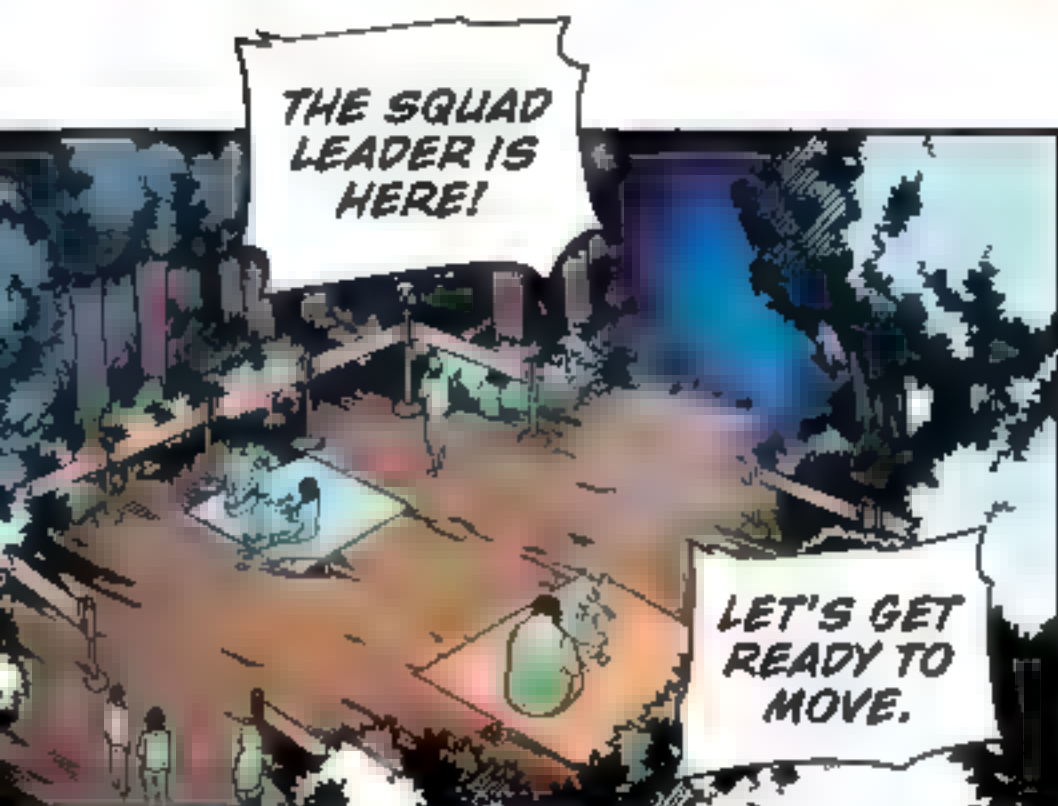
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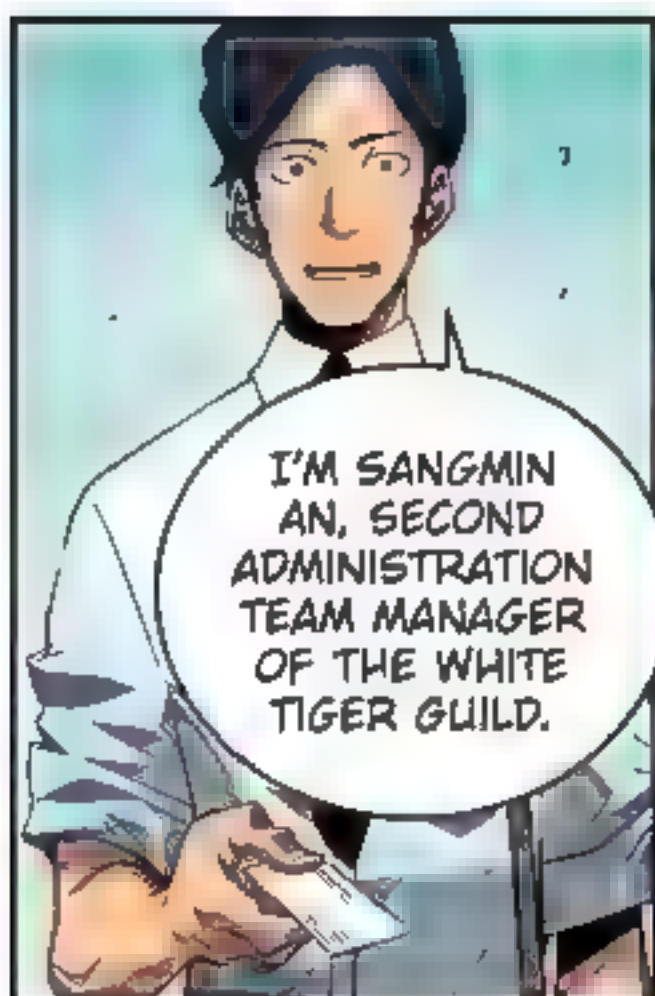
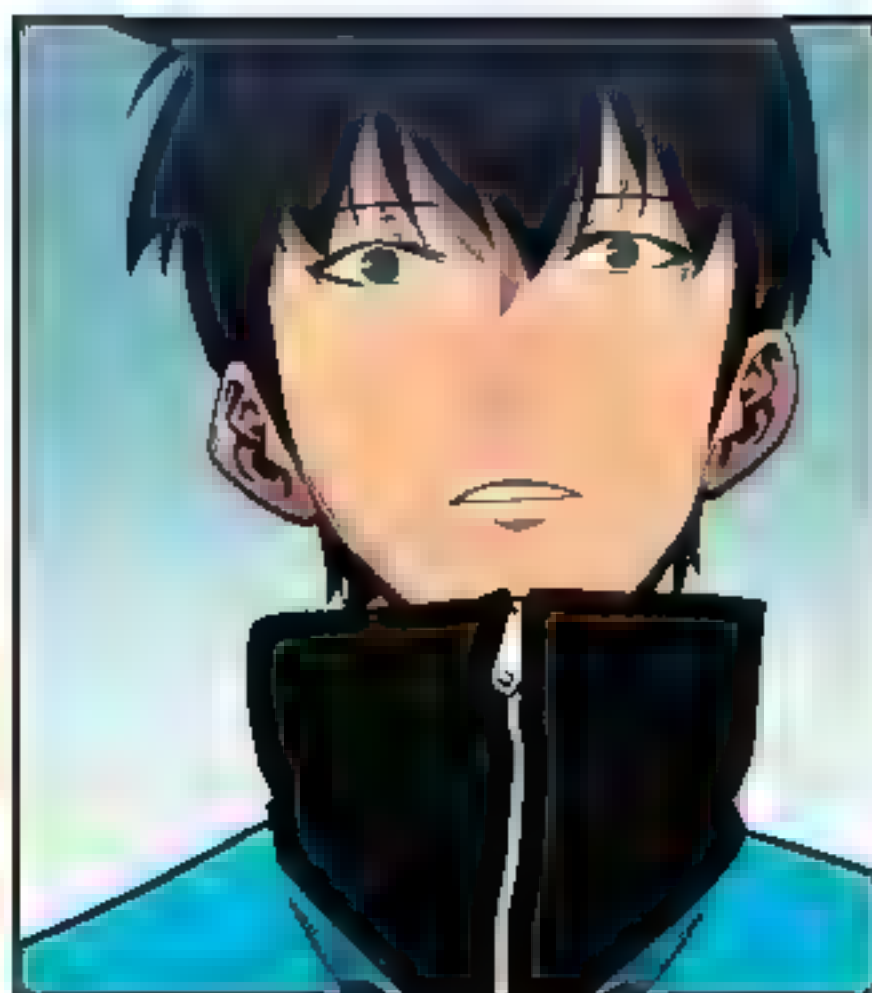
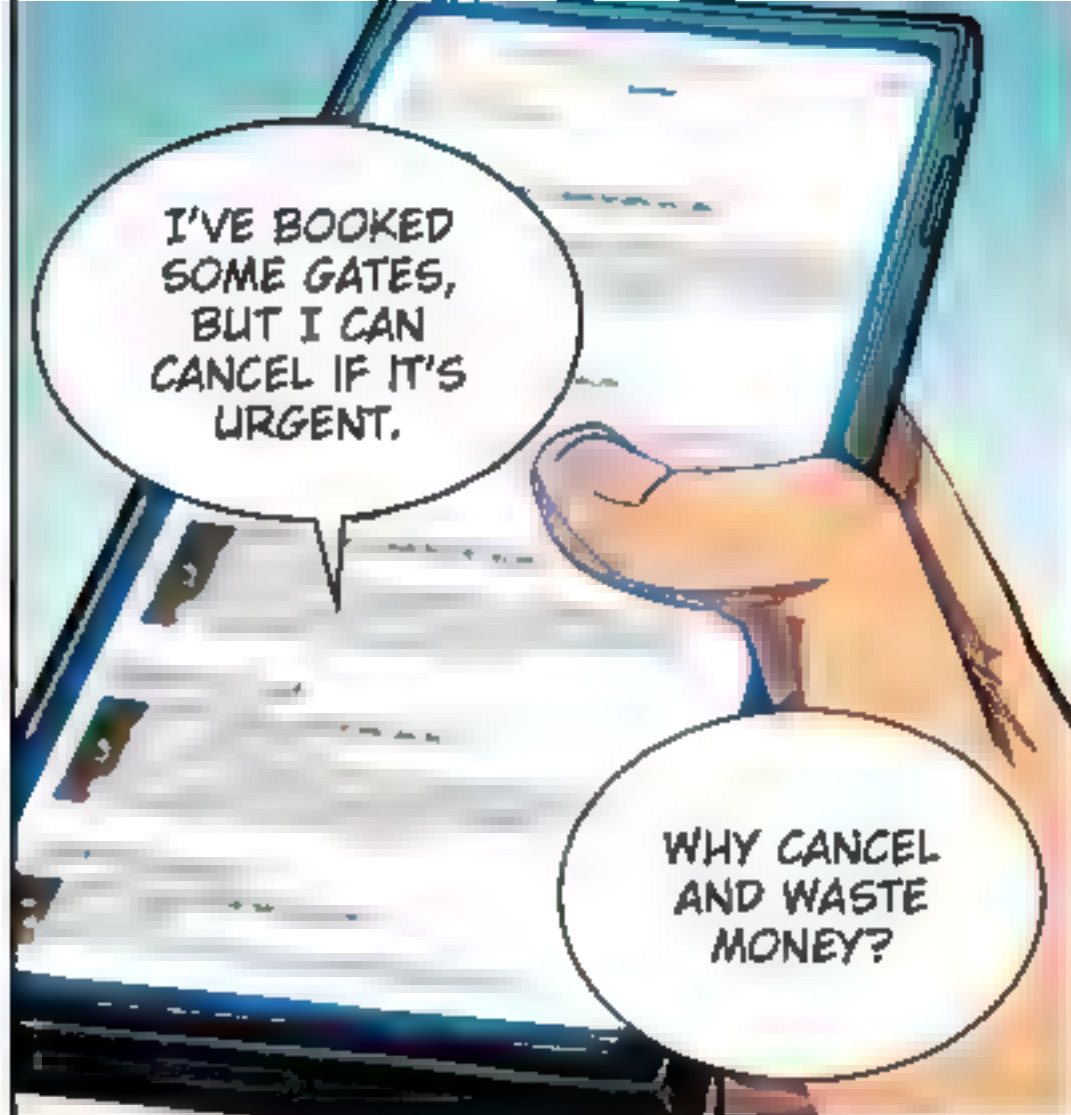
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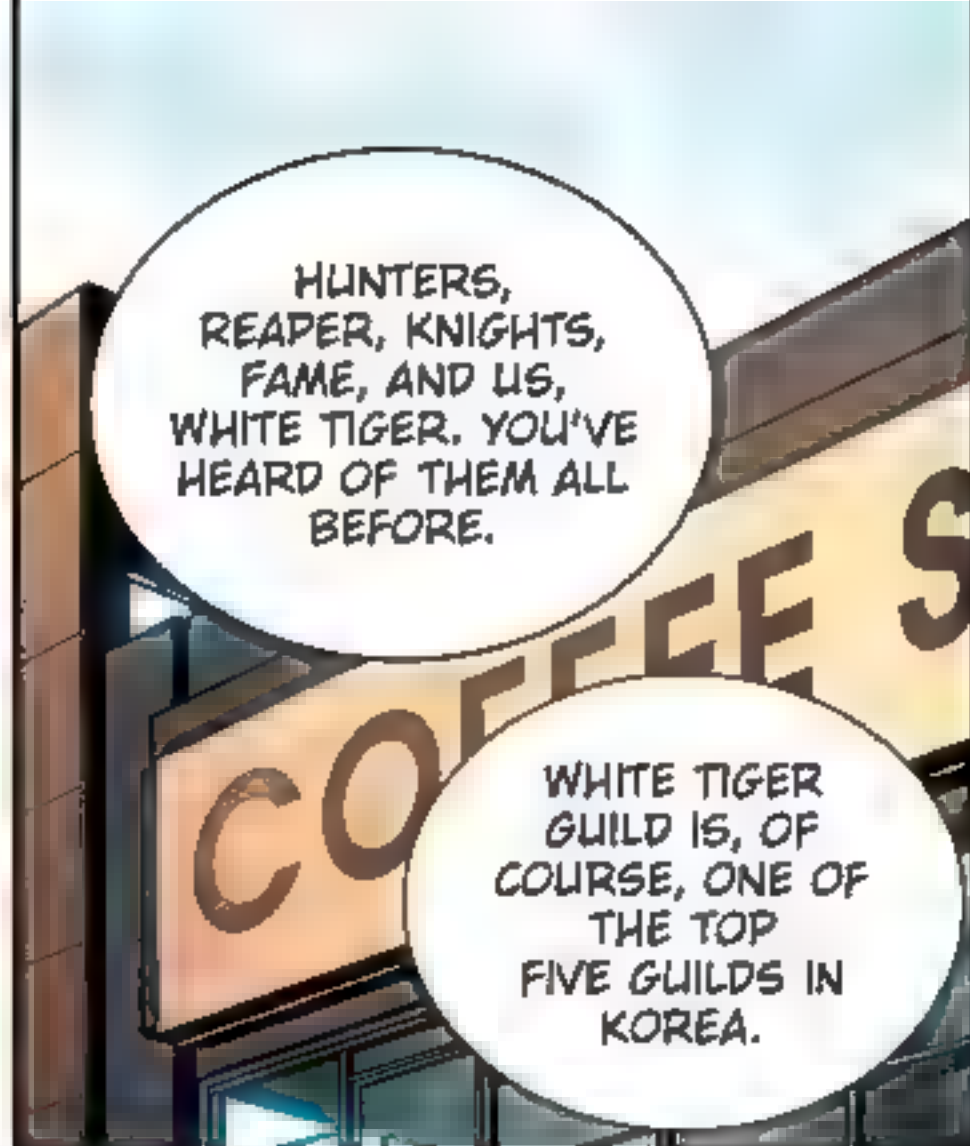
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"JOB-
CHANGE"?



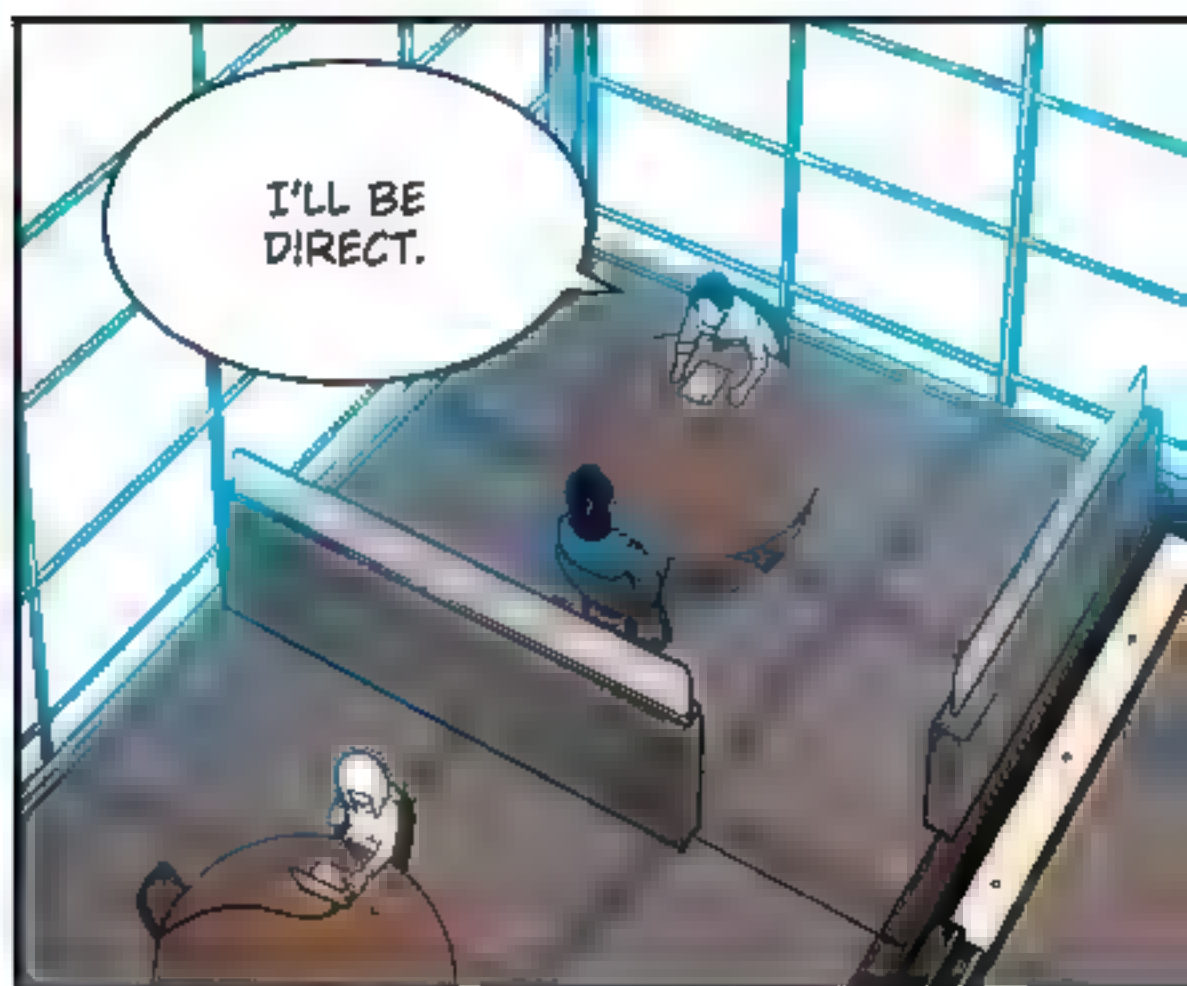






HUNTERS,
REAPER, KNIGHTS,
FAME, AND US,
WHITE TIGER. YOU'VE
HEARD OF THEM ALL
BEFORE.

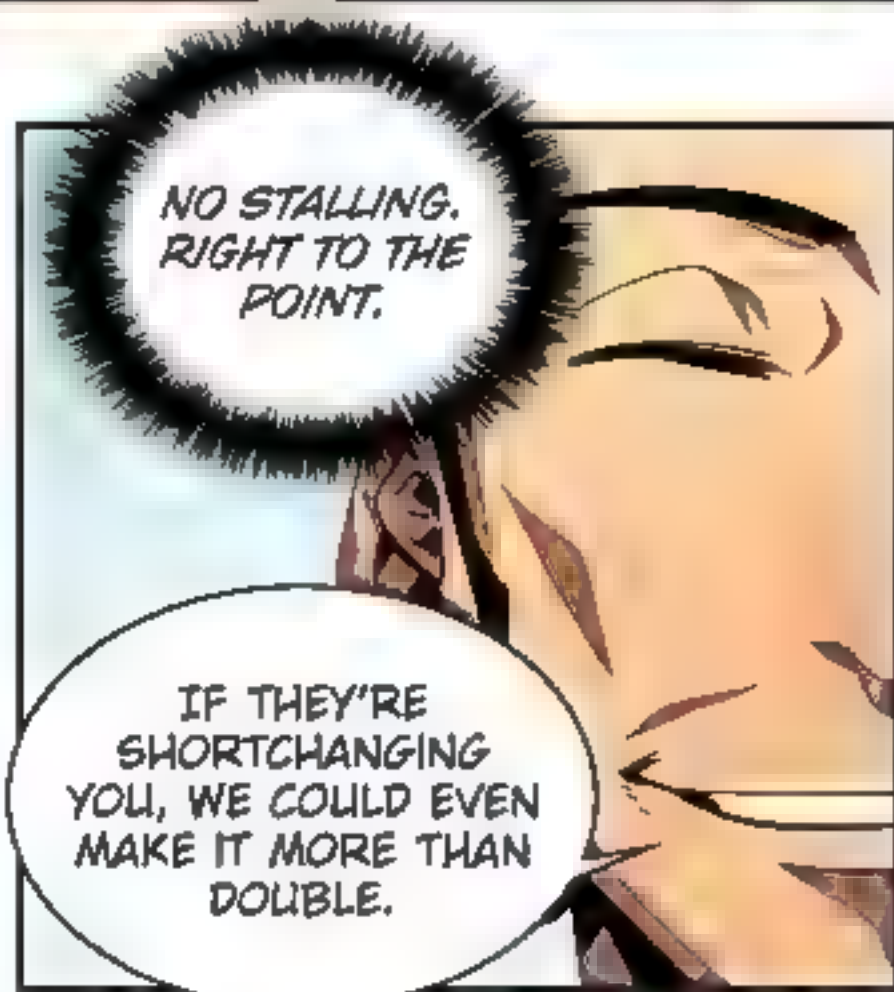
WHITE TIGER
GUILD IS, OF
COURSE, ONE OF
THE TOP
FIVE GUILDS IN
KOREA.



I'LL BE
DIRECT.



WE WOULD
LIKE TO RECRUIT
YOU, JINWOO. WE'LL
DOUBLE YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION'S
OFFER.



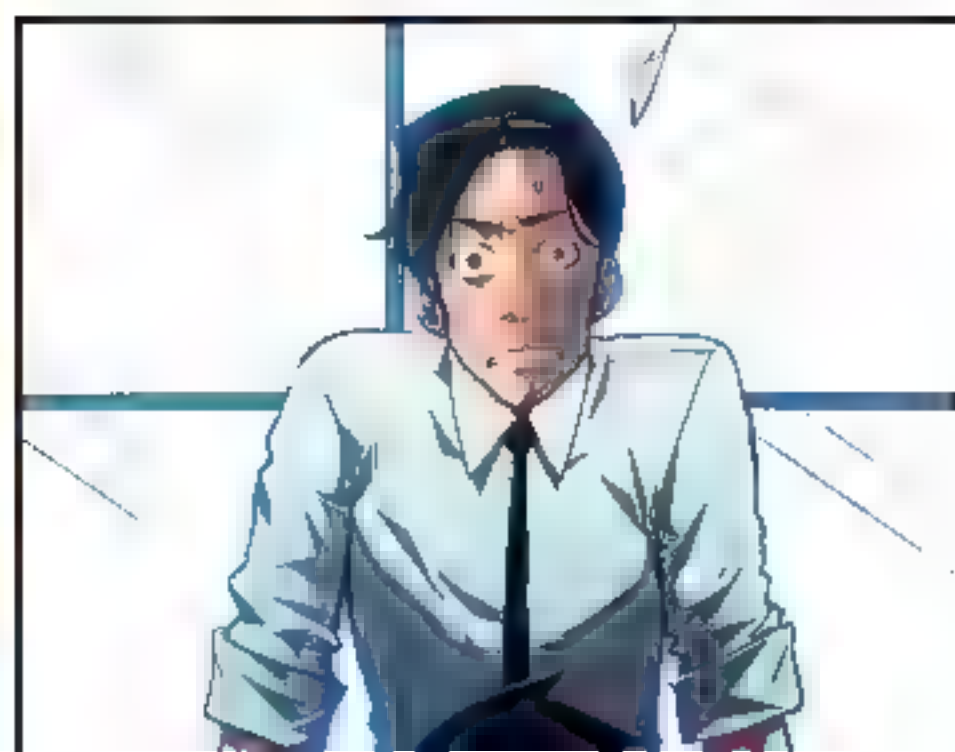
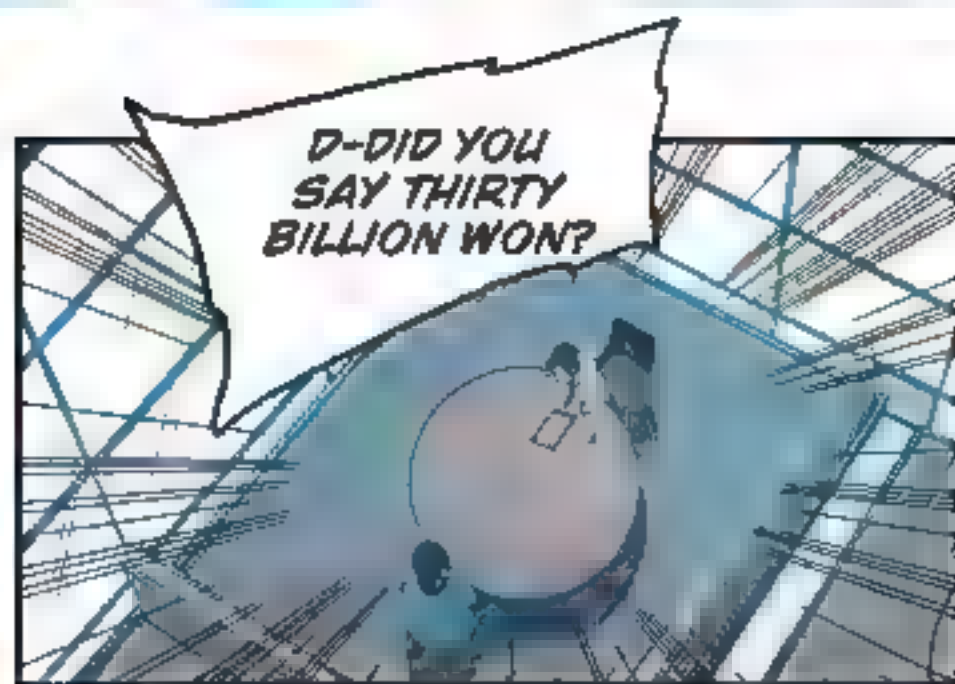
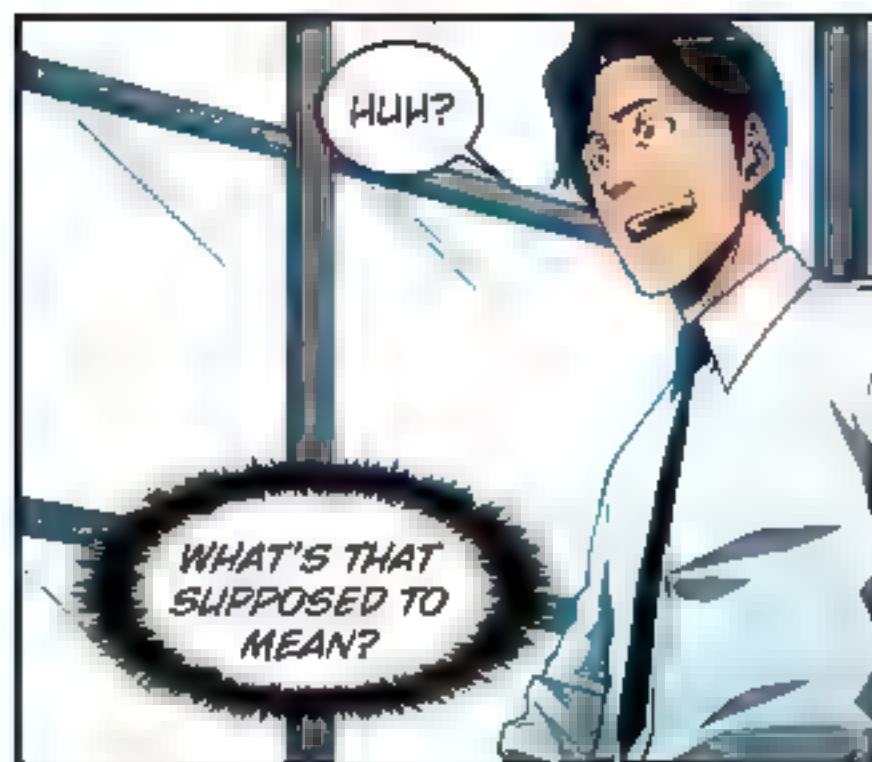
NO STALLING.
RIGHT TO THE
POINT.

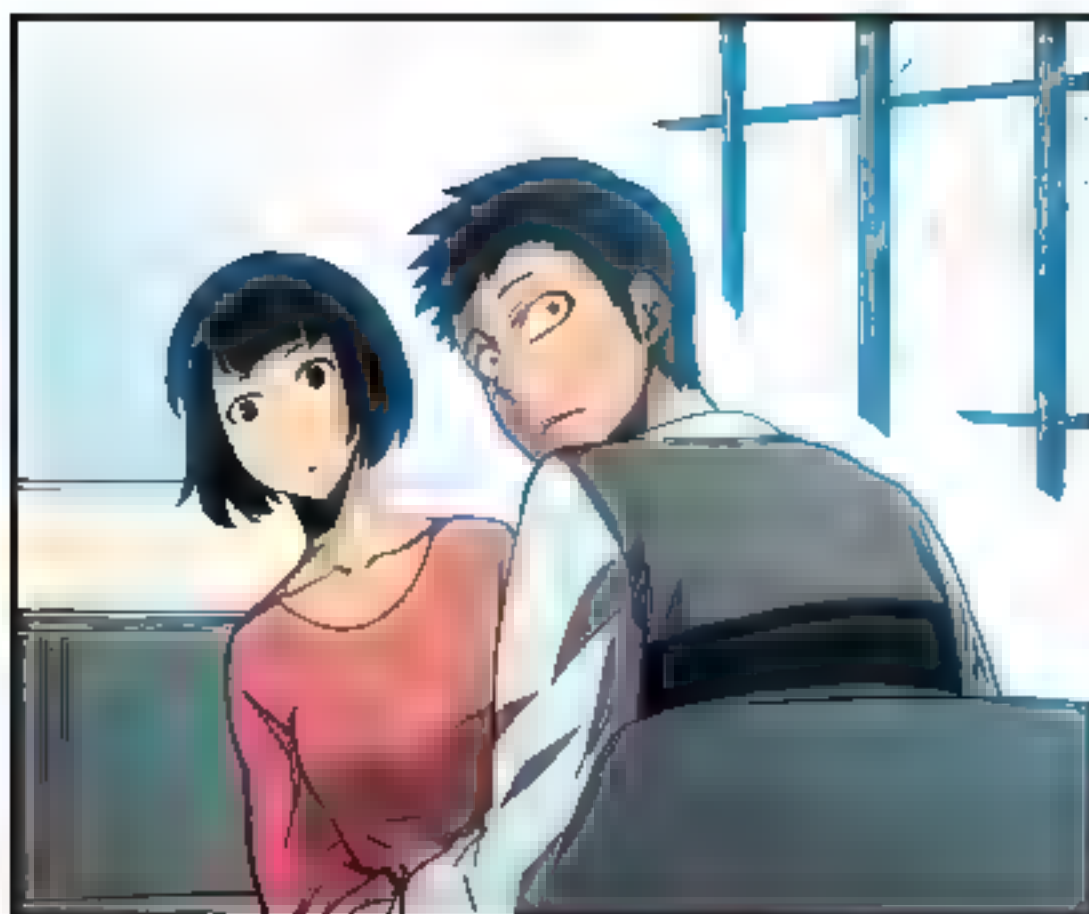
IF THEY'RE
SHORTCHANGING
YOU, WE COULD EVEN
MAKE IT MORE THAN
DOUBLE.



HOW'S
THAT?!

SURPRISE,
HUNTER WHO WAS
E-RANK UNTIL
RECENTLY!





YOOJIN PROMISED ME A BUILDING WORTH THIRTY BILLION WON.

IF THE WHITE TIGER GUILD'S BUILDING IS WORTH ONLY FIFTY BILLION WON, THAT'S LESS THAN DOUBLE, BUT I'D STILL CONSIDER YOUR OFFER.



HOW POWERFUL IS HE FOR YOOJIN CONSTRUCTION TO PROMISE HIM THIRTY BILLION WON BEFORE HE'S BEEN REEVALUATED?

IS HE BLUFFING BECAUSE HE KNOWS THERE'S NO WAY I CAN VERIFY THEIR OFFER?



IF YOU THINK I'M BLUFFING, I CAN GET YOU PROOF.

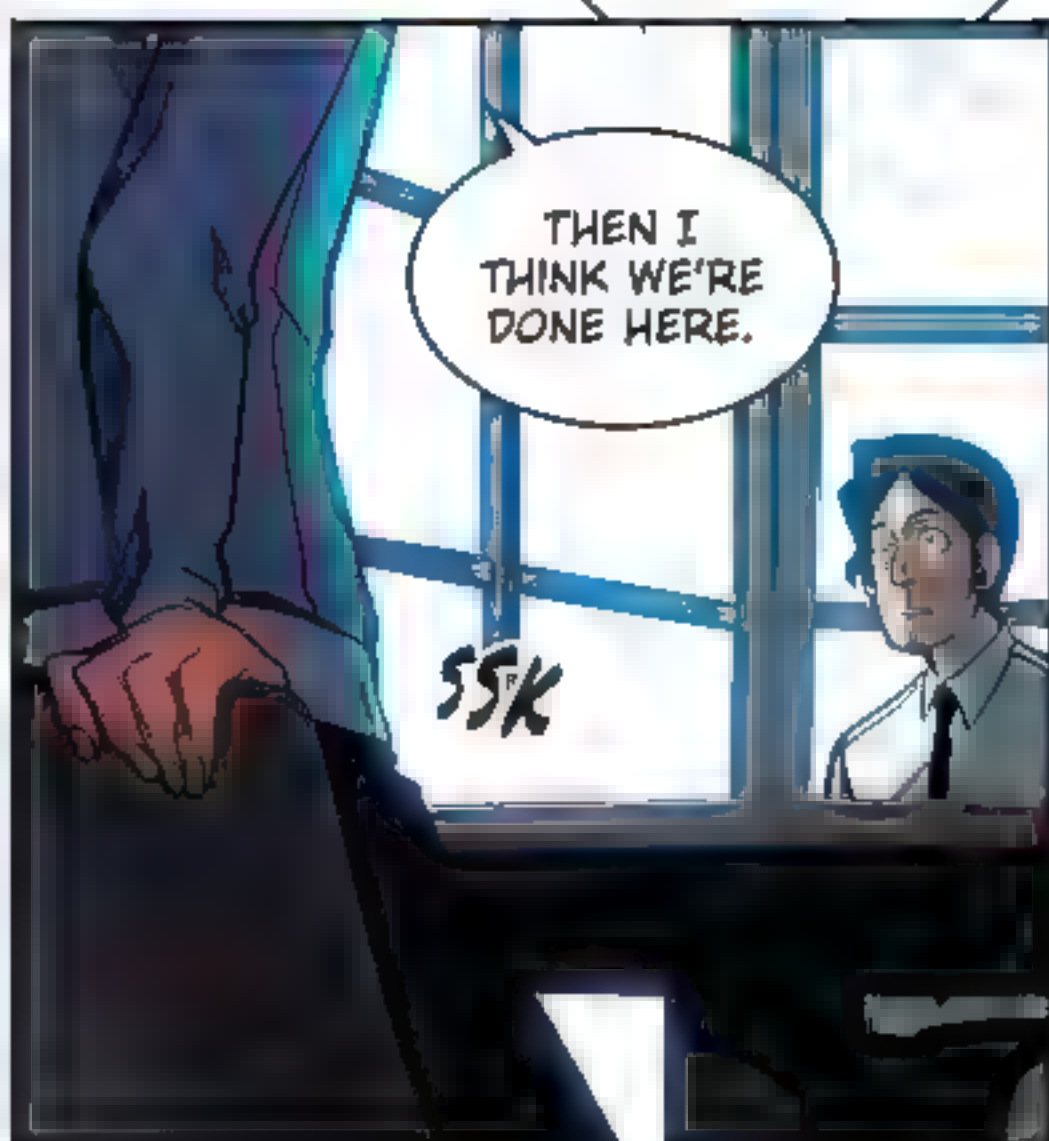
I FIGURED HE KNEW THE AMOUNT, SINCE HE SUGGESTED DOUBLE WHAT JINHO OFFERED. BUT I GUESS NOT.



H-HE ISN'T BLUFFING.

I—I SHOULD SAY THAT NEGOTIATING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY LIKE THIS IS ABOVE MY PAY GRADE...

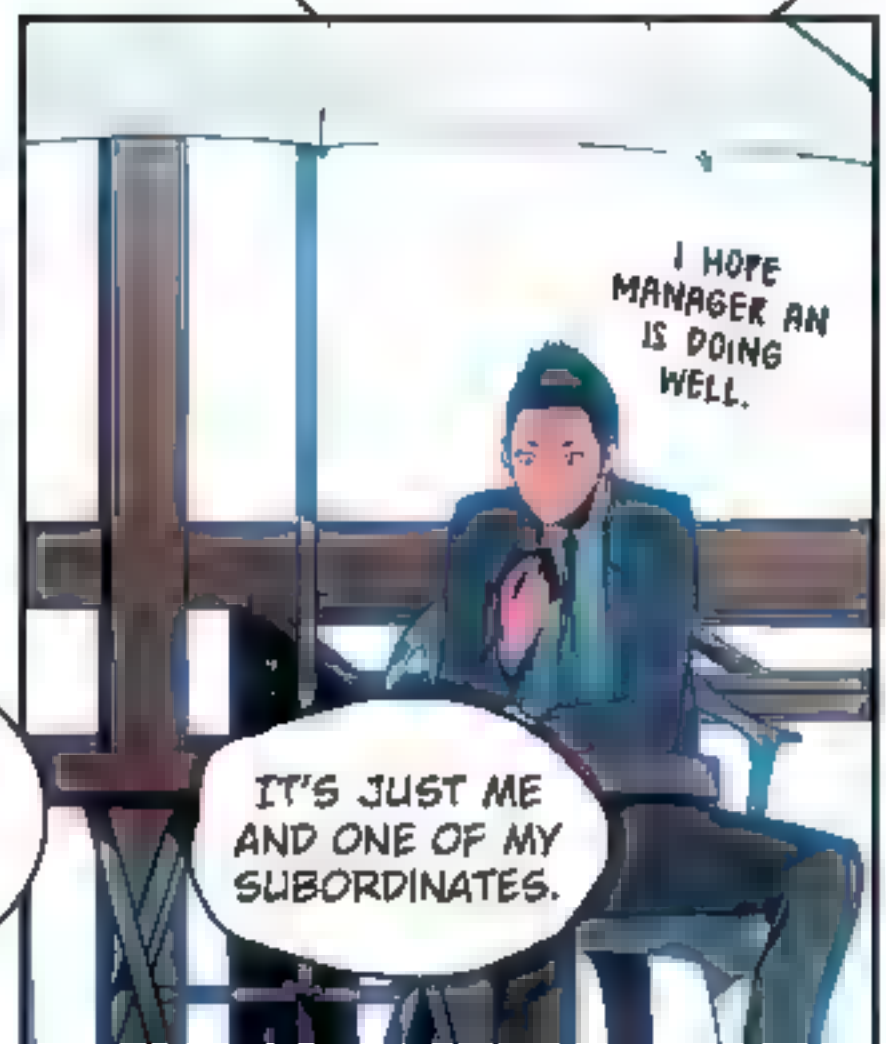
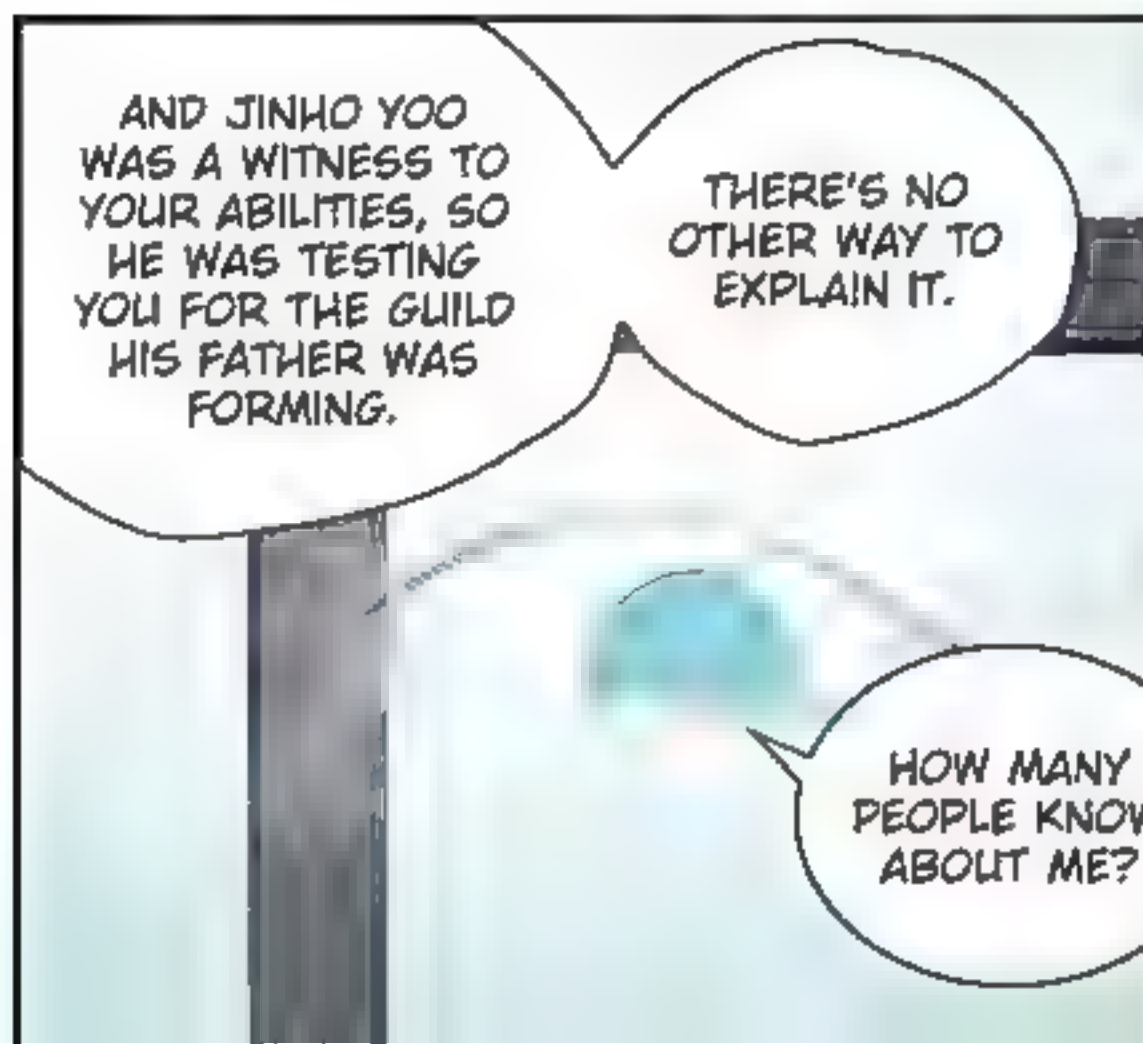
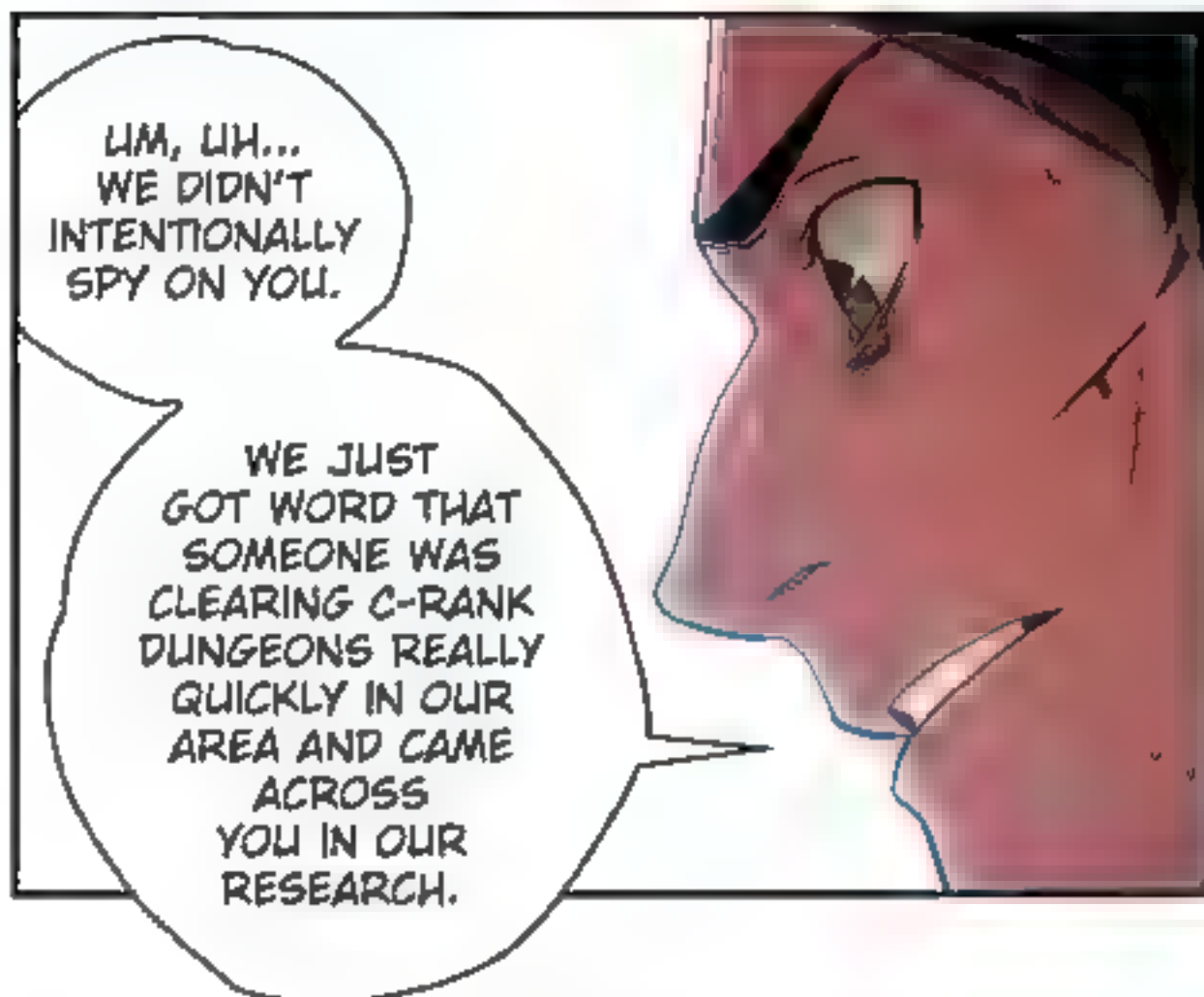
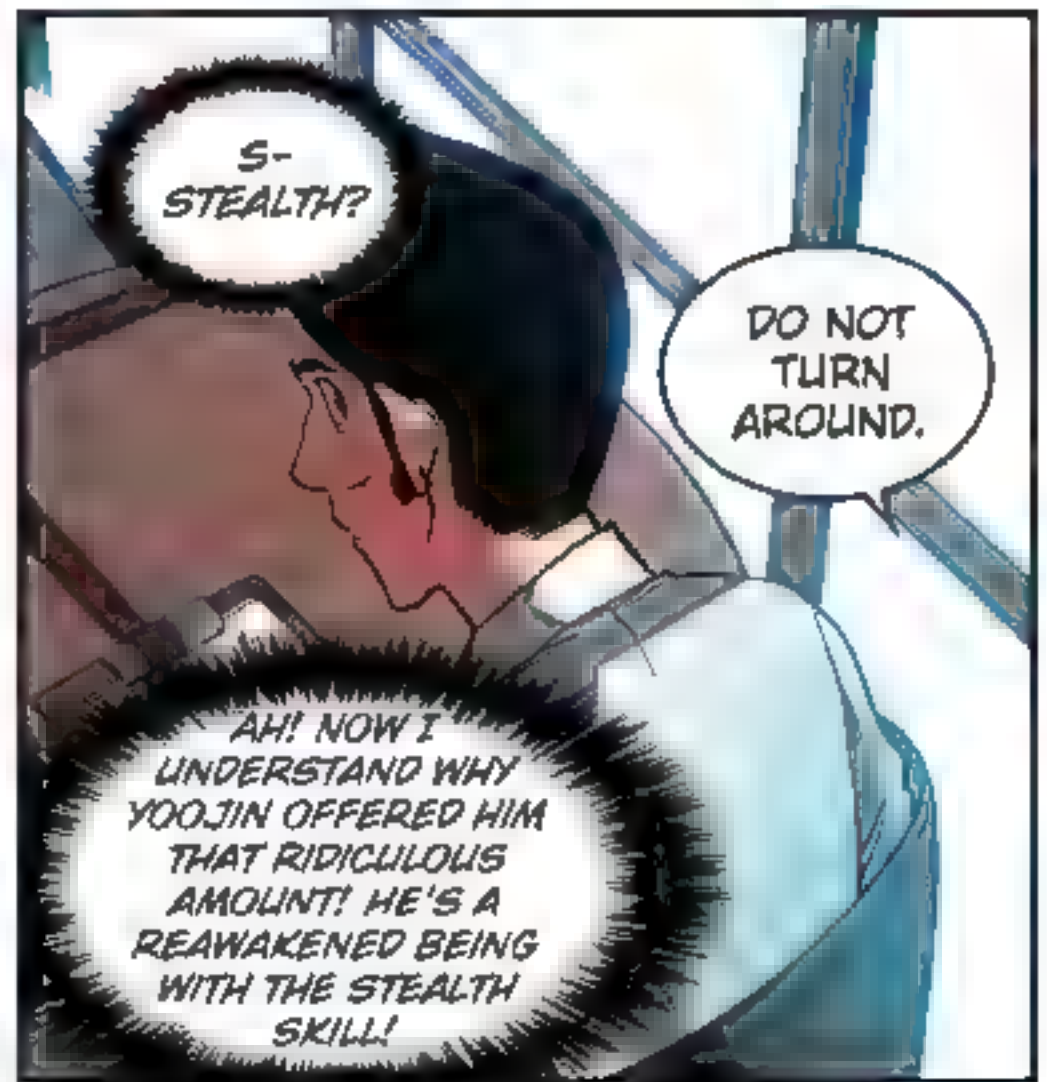
...BUT IF YOU GIVE ME SOME TIME, I CAN DISCUSS THIS WITH UPPER MANAGE—



THEN I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE.

SSK

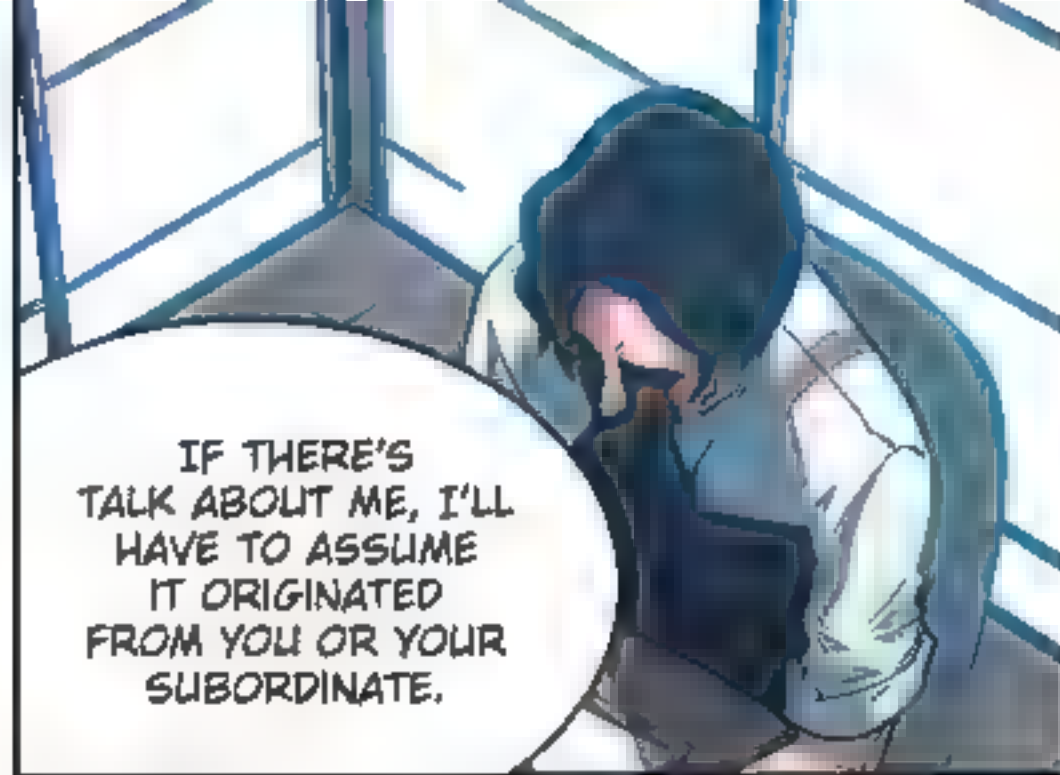






CLEARING
DUNGEONS TOO
QUICKLY WITH
JINHO WAS THE
CAUSE.

I DON'T WANT
ANY MORE
PEOPLE TO FIND
OUT ABOUT ME.



IF THERE'S
TALK ABOUT ME, I'LL
HAVE TO ASSUME
IT ORIGINATED
FROM YOU OR YOUR
SUBORDINATE.



THIS IS
OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
SO I'M SUPPOSED
TO REPORT TO THE
GUILD MASTER...

...BUT
I DON'T
WANNA
DIE.



I'LL
MAKE SURE
KICHUL...

...I MEAN, MY
SUBORDINATE,
KEEPS HIS MOUTH
SHUT TOO.

THANK
YOU.



I THINK I'VE
CAUSED YOU ENOUGH
TROUBLE BY SCOOPING
UP ALL THE C-RANK
GATES.

UNFORTUNATELY,
WE DON'T PLAN
TO STOP ANYTIME
SOON.

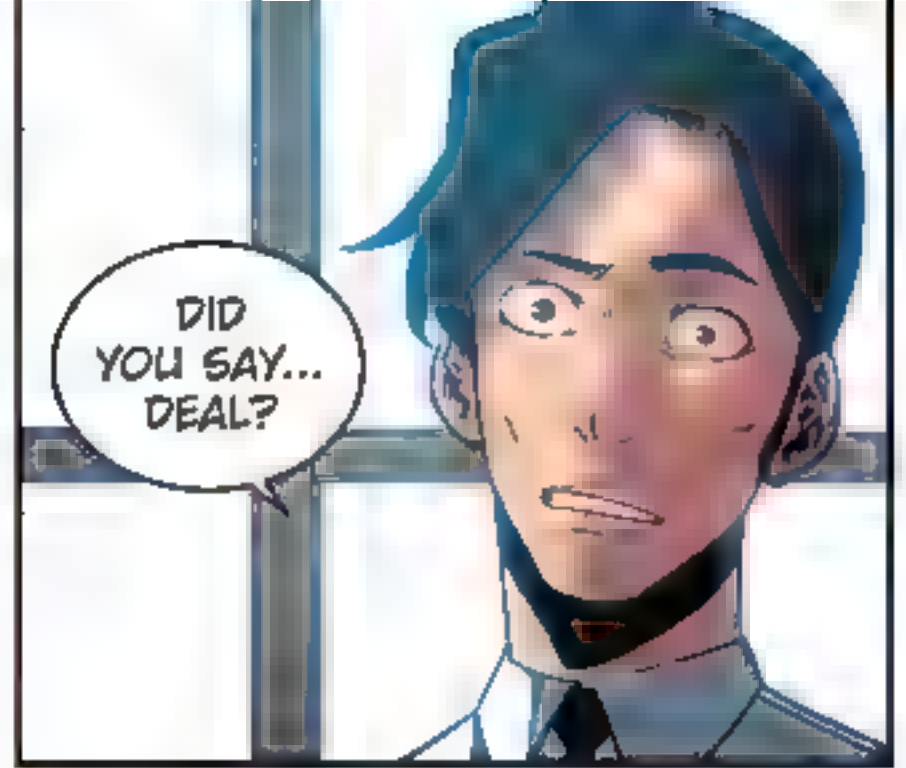


THAT'S A
PROBLEM.
WE CAN'T
TRAIN OUR
RECRUITS.

IT'S NOT AS
IF WE CAN JUST
SEND THEM TO
A HIGHER-RANK
GATE...



THEN SHALL WE MAKE A DEAL?



DID YOU SAY... DEAL?



WE'LL SELL YOU THE THREE C-RANK GATE PERMITS WE HAVE.

BUT THIS SPECIAL OFFER IS ONLY VALID TODAY.

MISS IT, AND YOU WON'T BE RAIDING C-RANK GATES ANYTIME SOON.



WHAT IS THIS, THE HOME SHOPPING CHANNEL?

GATE APPEARANCES AREN'T LIMITED TO SEOUL. WE CAN TRAIN IN A DIFFERENT CITY.

BUT GUILDS LIKE FAME IN HONAM AND KNIGHTS IN YEONGNAM MIGHT TAKE ISSUE WITH THAT...

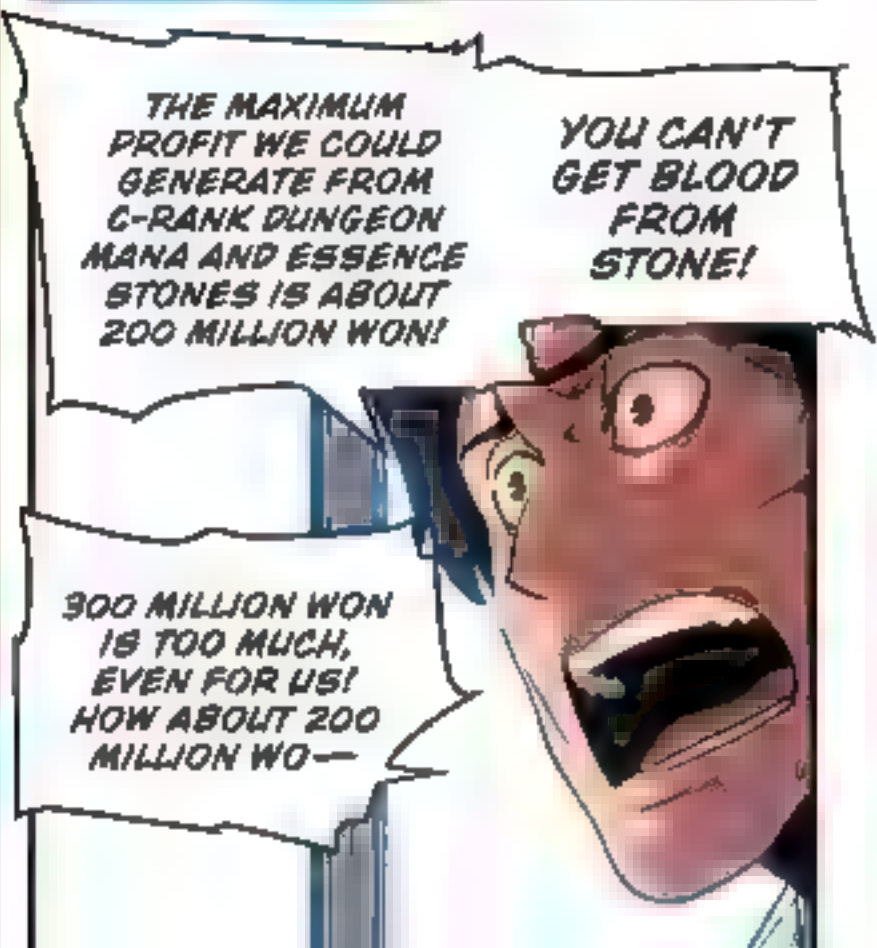
FINE.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR ALL OF THEM?



300 MILLION WON. FOR EACH GATE.

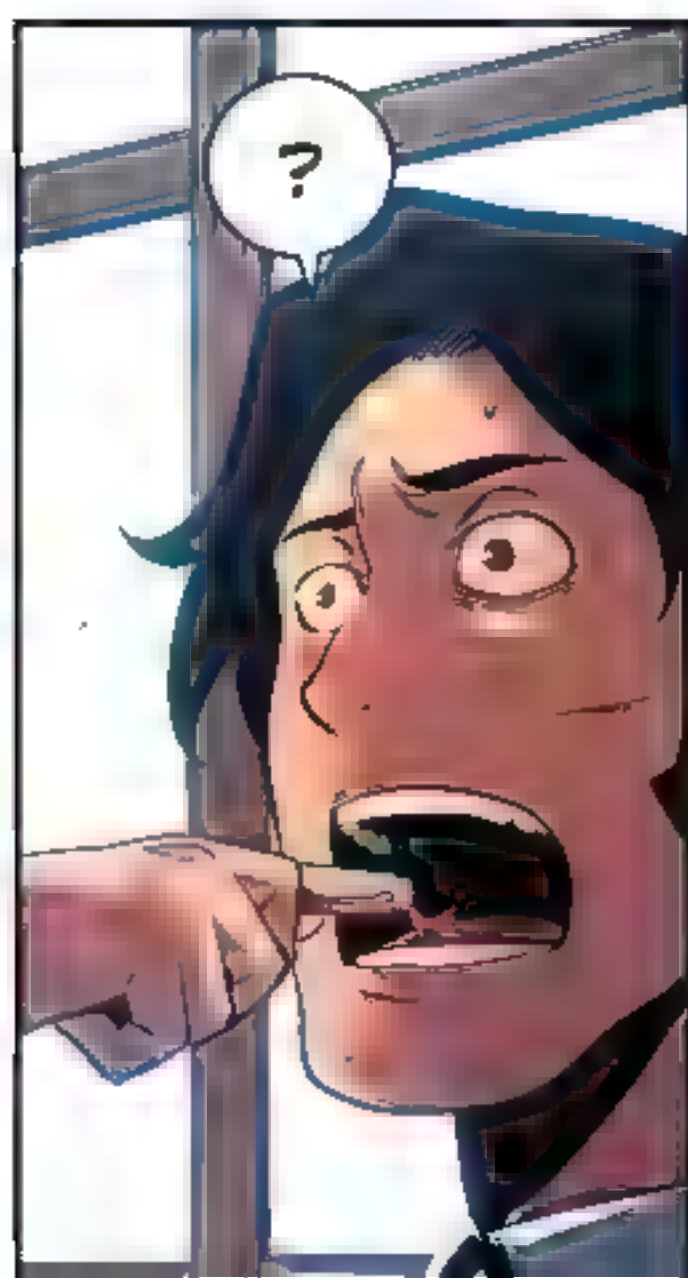
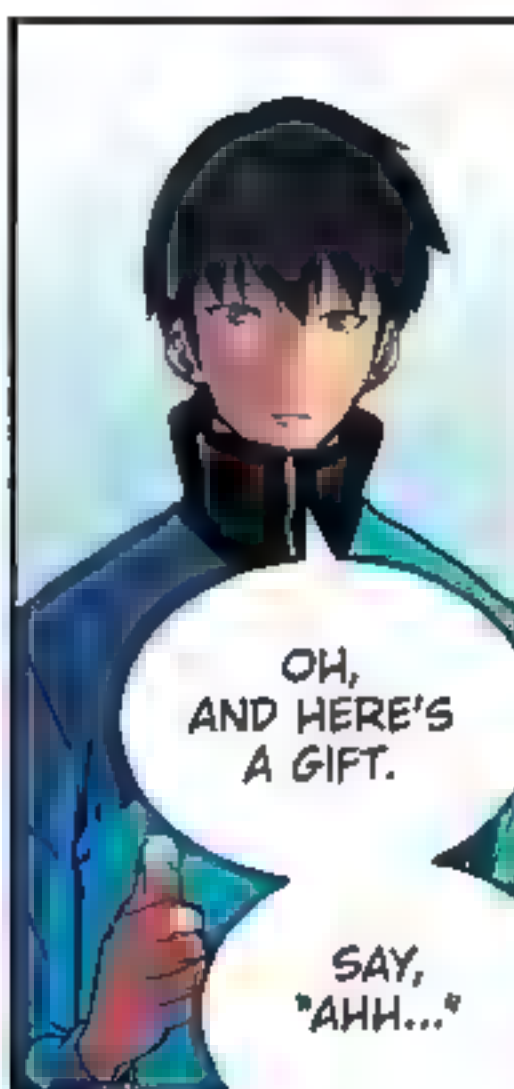
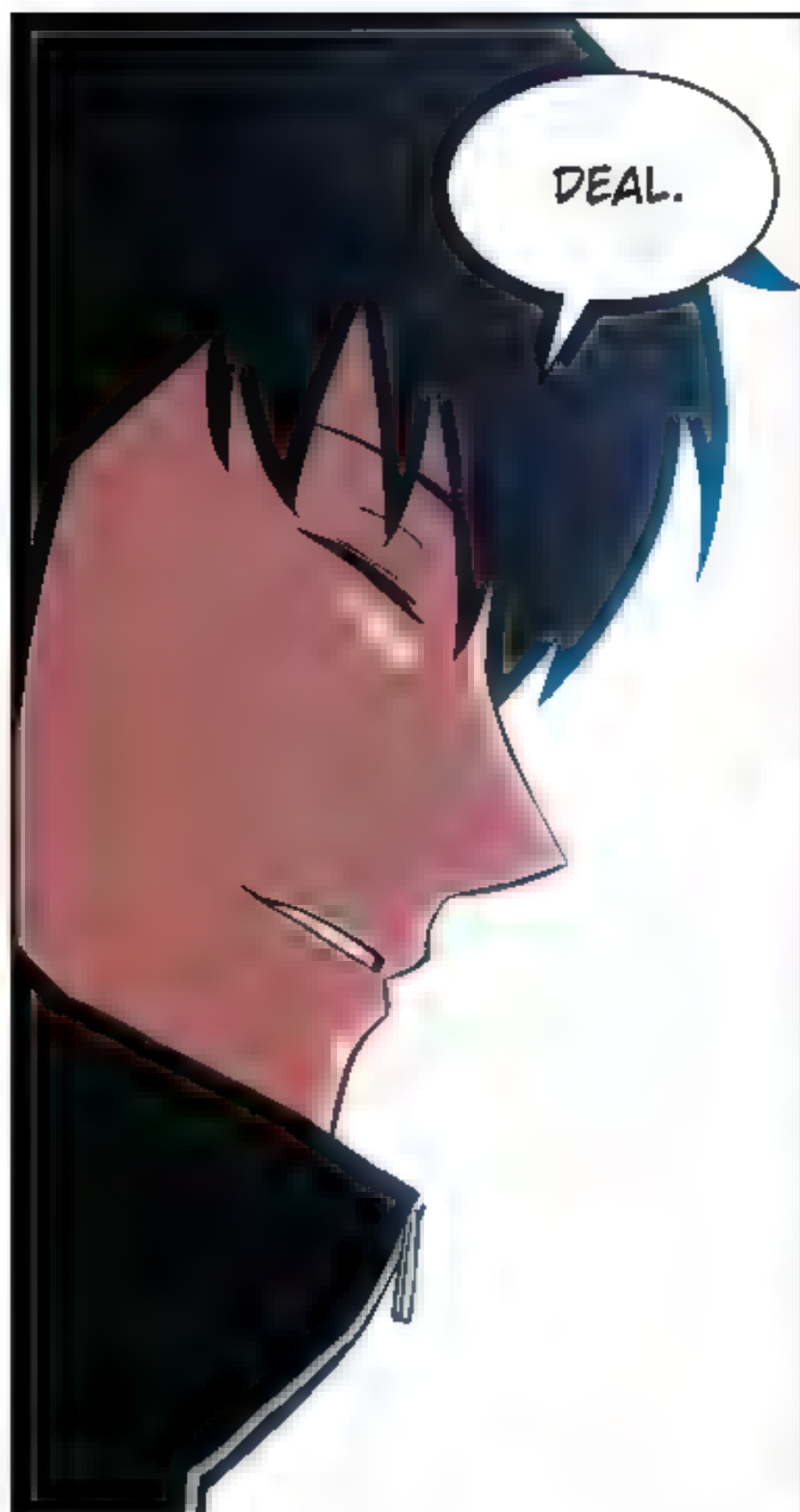
BFT!!

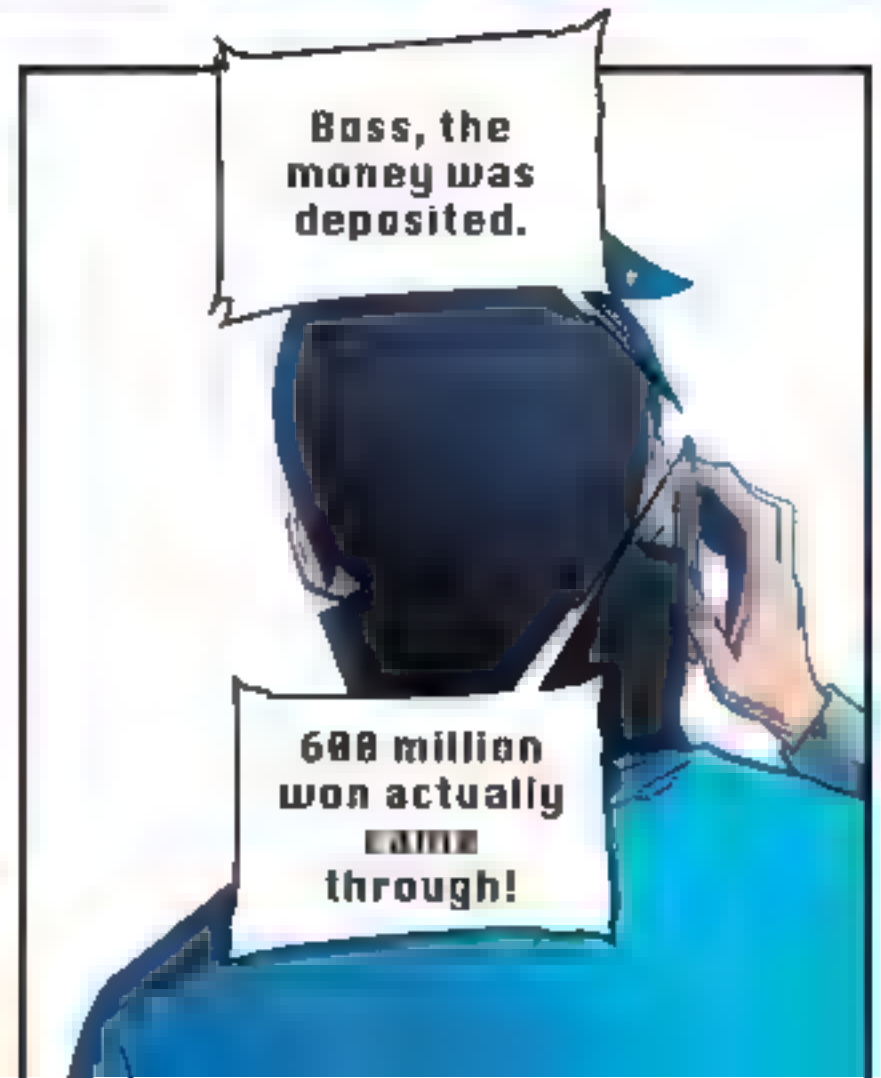
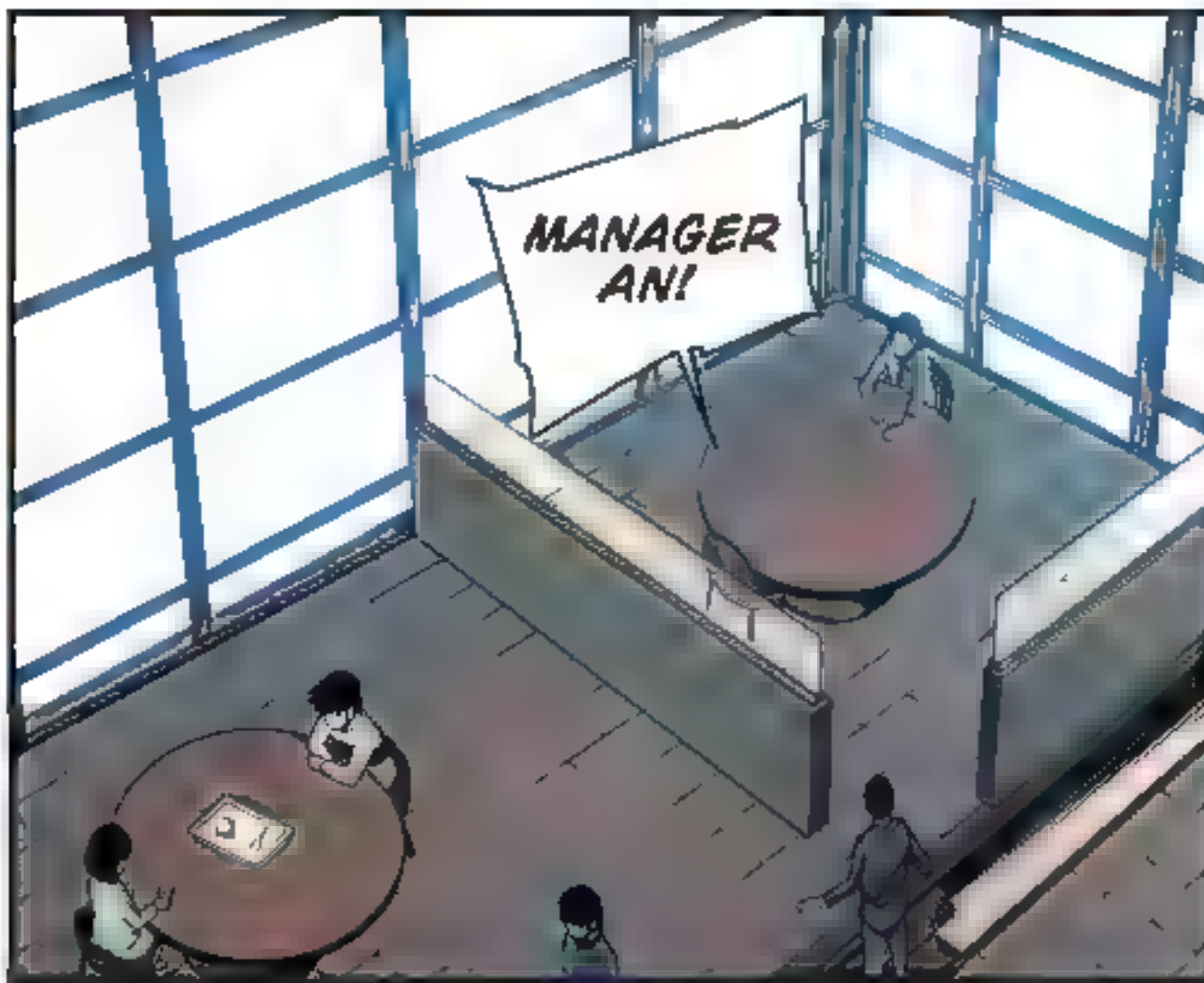


THE MAXIMUM PROFIT WE COULD GENERATE FROM C-RANK DUNGEON MANA AND ESSENCE STONES IS ABOUT 200 MILLION WON!

YOU CAN'T GET BLOOD FROM STONE!

300 MILLION WON IS TOO MUCH, EVEN FOR US! HOW ABOUT 200 MILLION WO—





We were just gonna cancel those gates, but you went and made a killing...

Who bought those C-rank gates from you?

TRADE SECRET.



SIR!

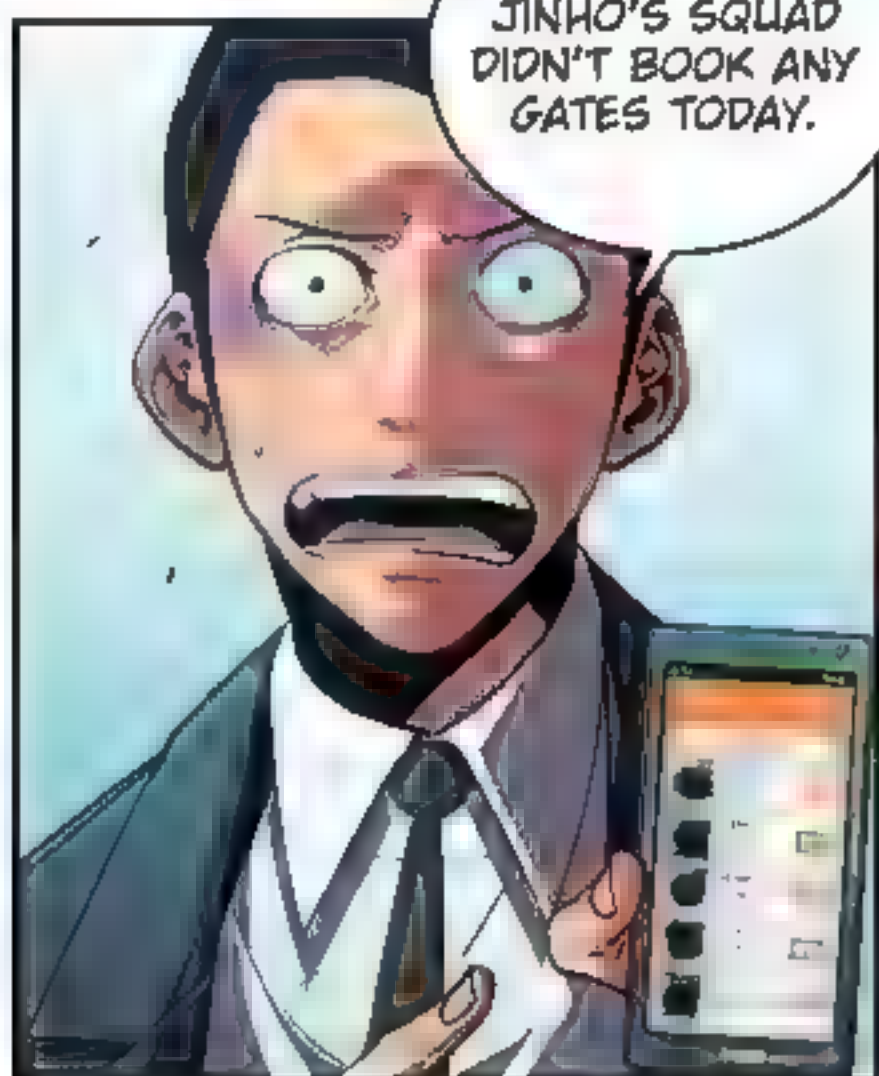
SIR!

WHAT? THERE ARE TONS OF UNCLAIMED C-RANK GATES IN OUR AREA?!

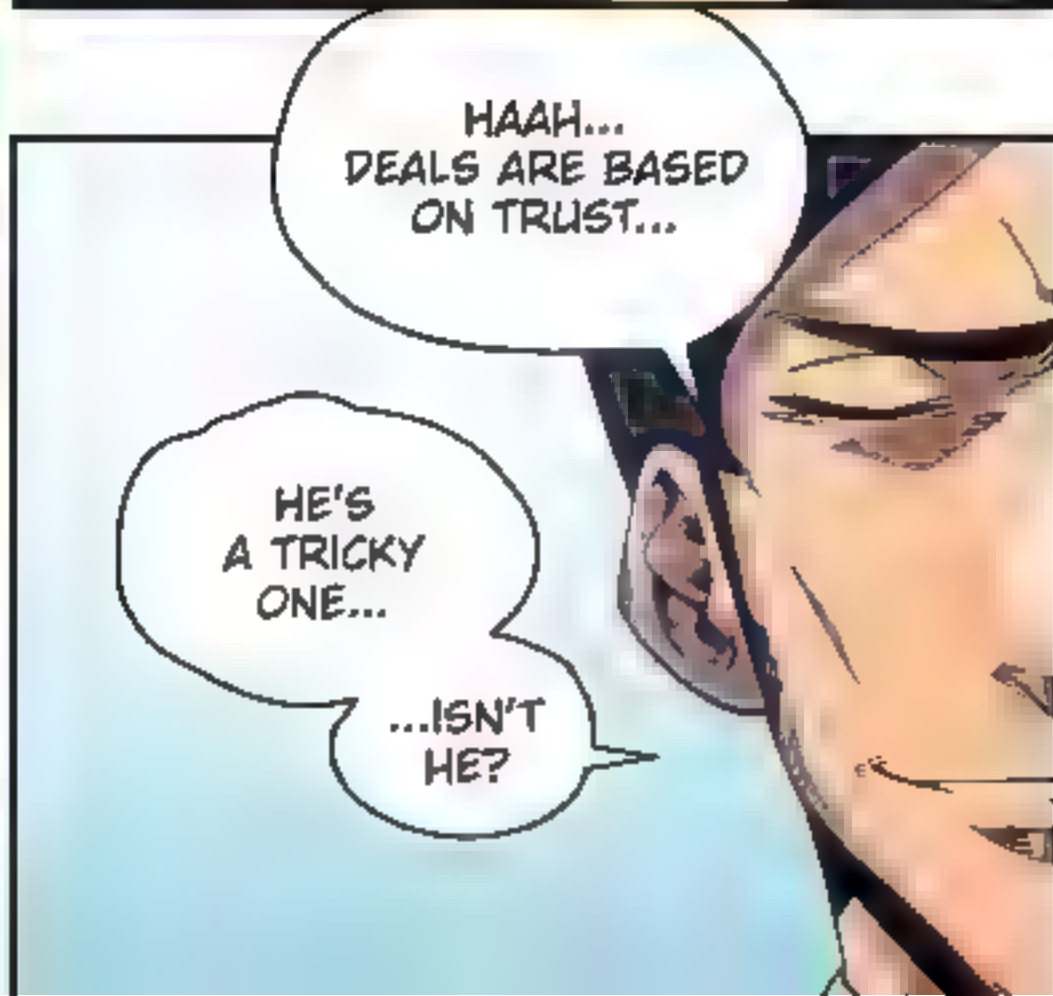
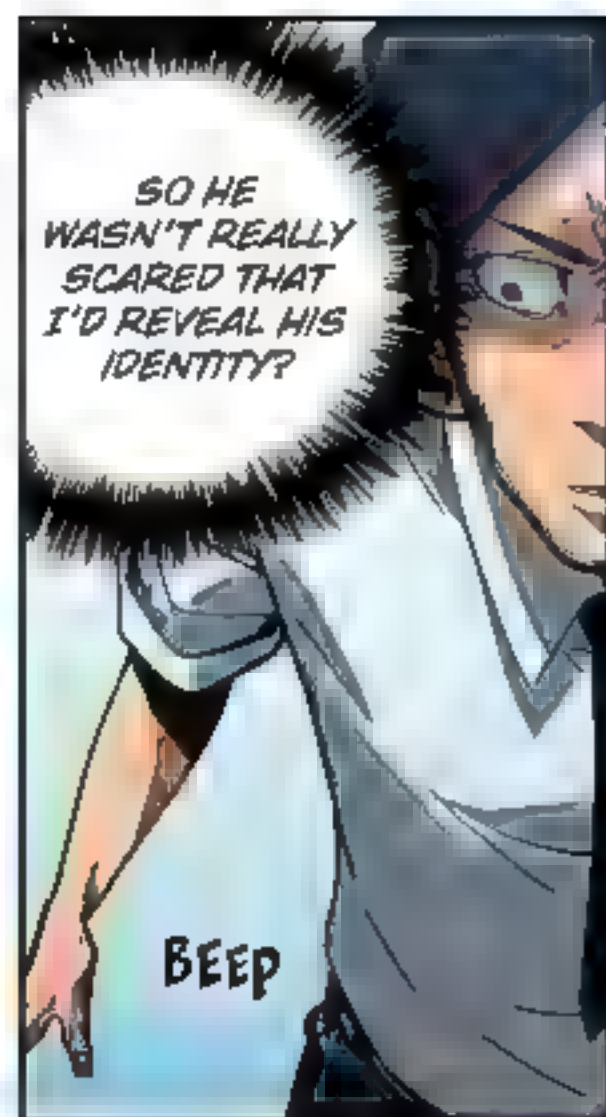
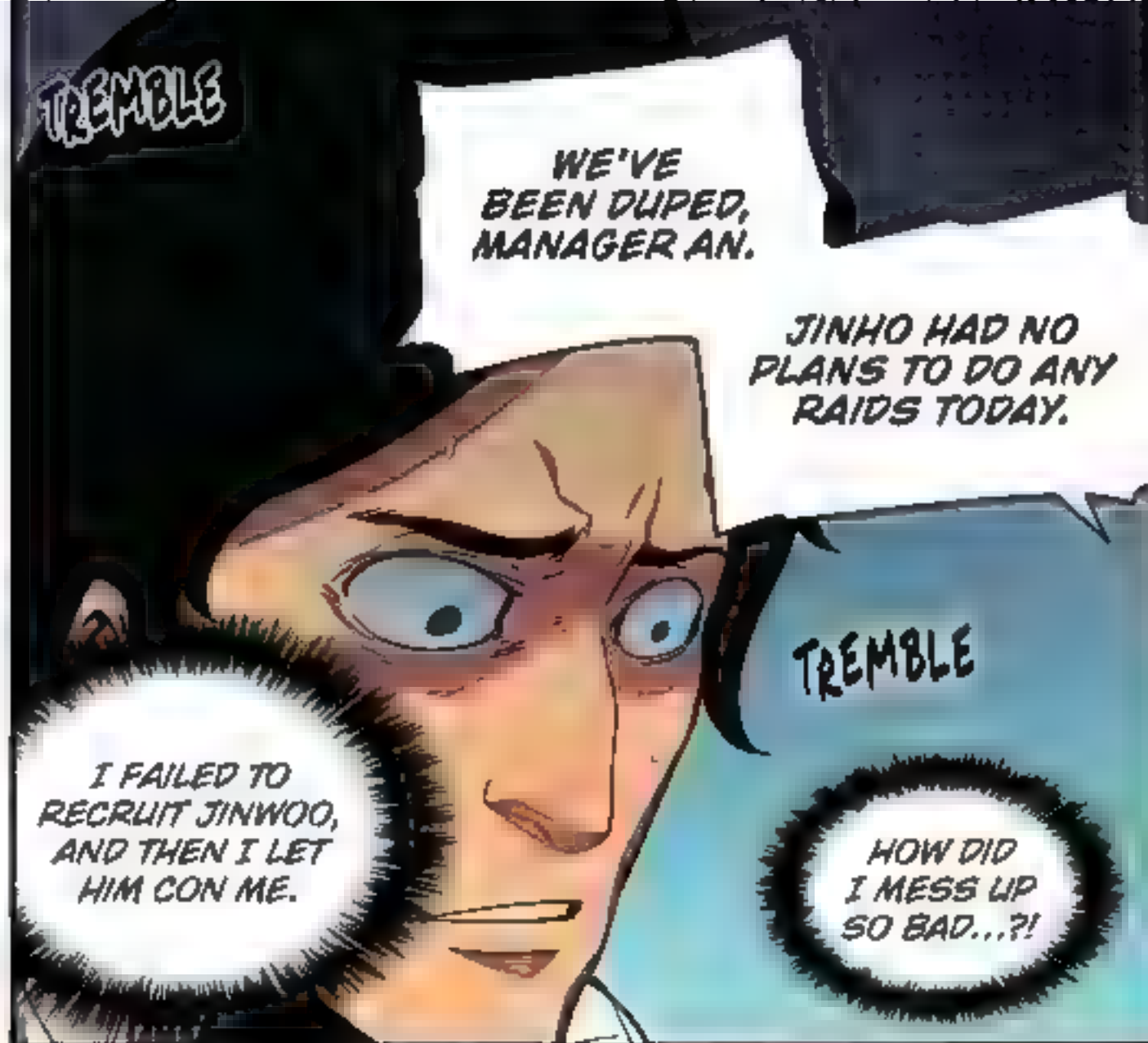


YES! AND THEY'RE ONLY GOING FOR TEN MILLION!

NO WAY...



JINHO'S SQUAD DIDN'T BOOK ANY GATES TODAY.



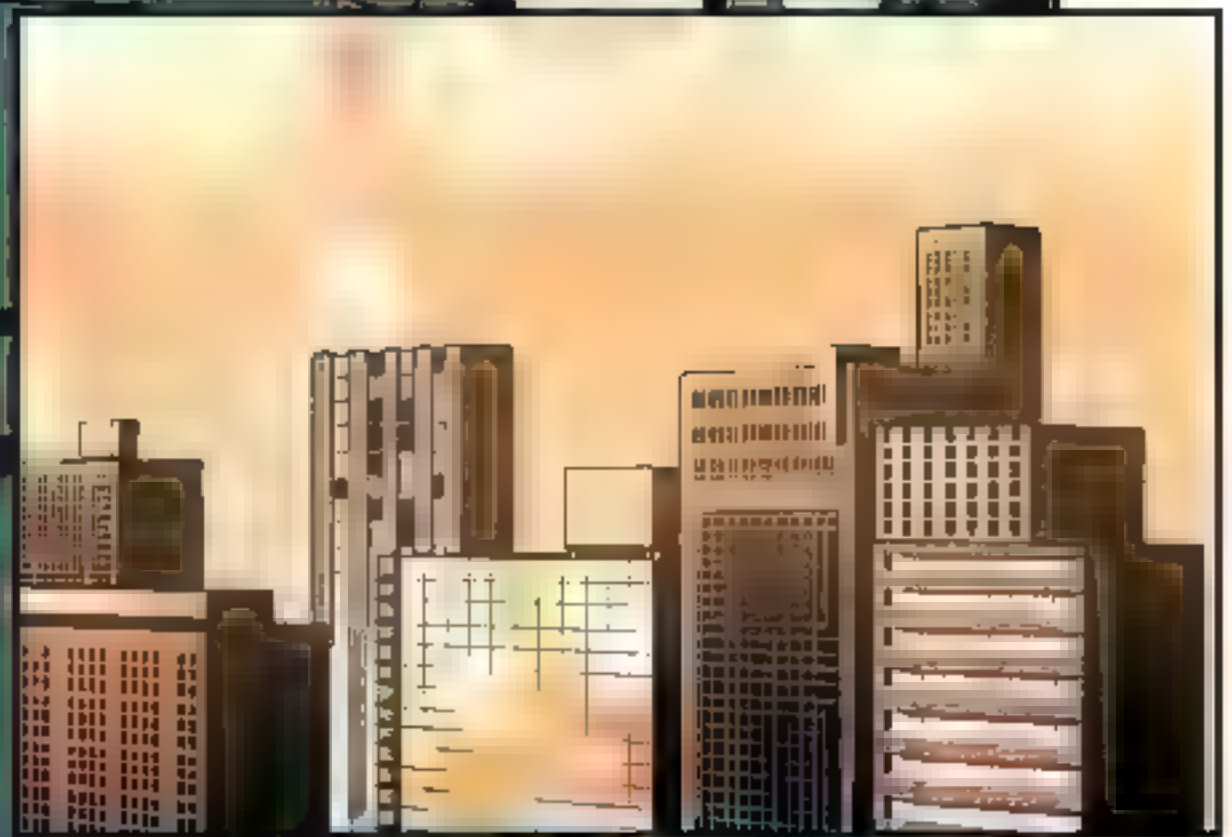


I DIDN'T THINK
HE'D CONTACT ME
PERSONALLY...

I GUESS
HE GOT THIS
NUMBER FROM
MY BUSINESS
CARD.

FINE.
IT'S ENOUGH TO
HAVE HIS NUMBER
FOR NOW.

OUR
ULTIMATE
GOAL IS TO
RECRUIT
JINWOO.

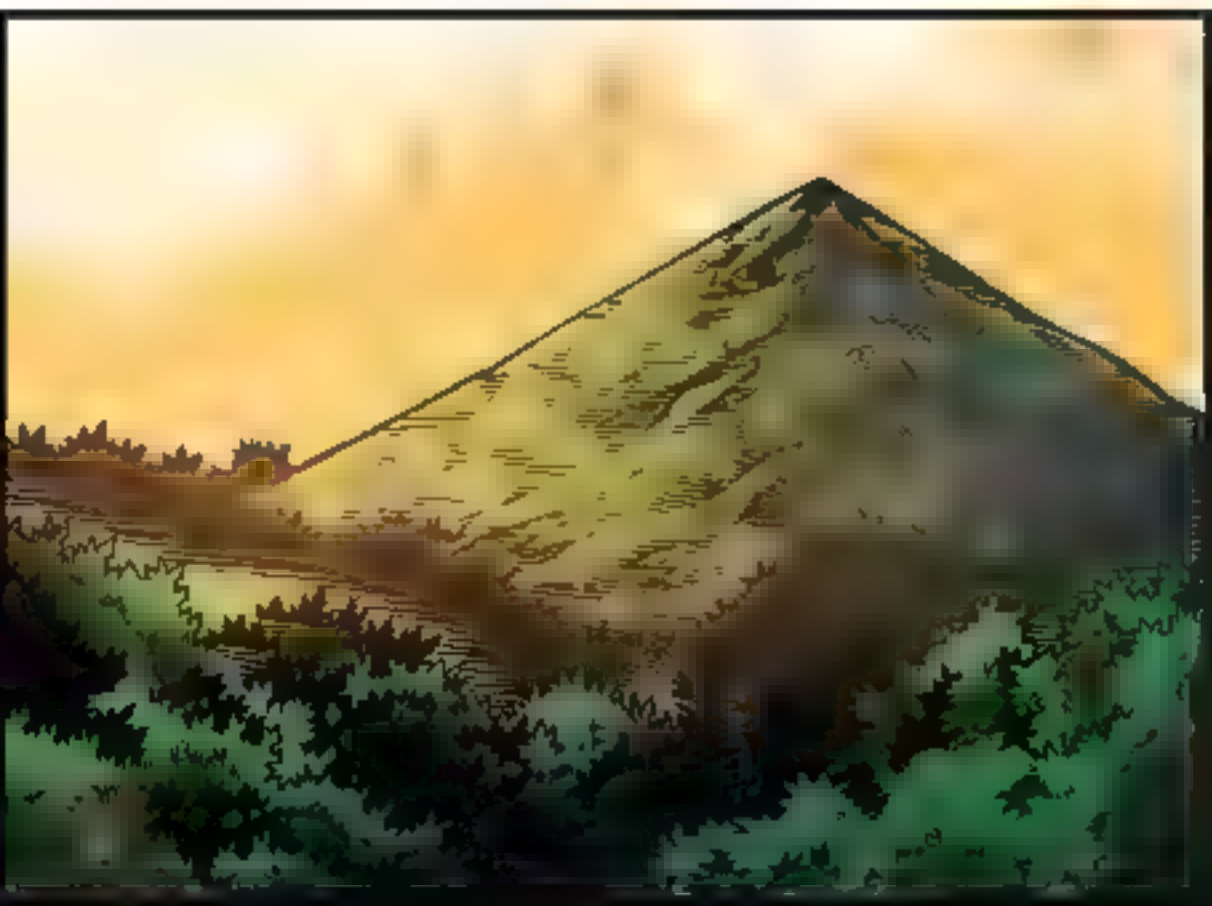


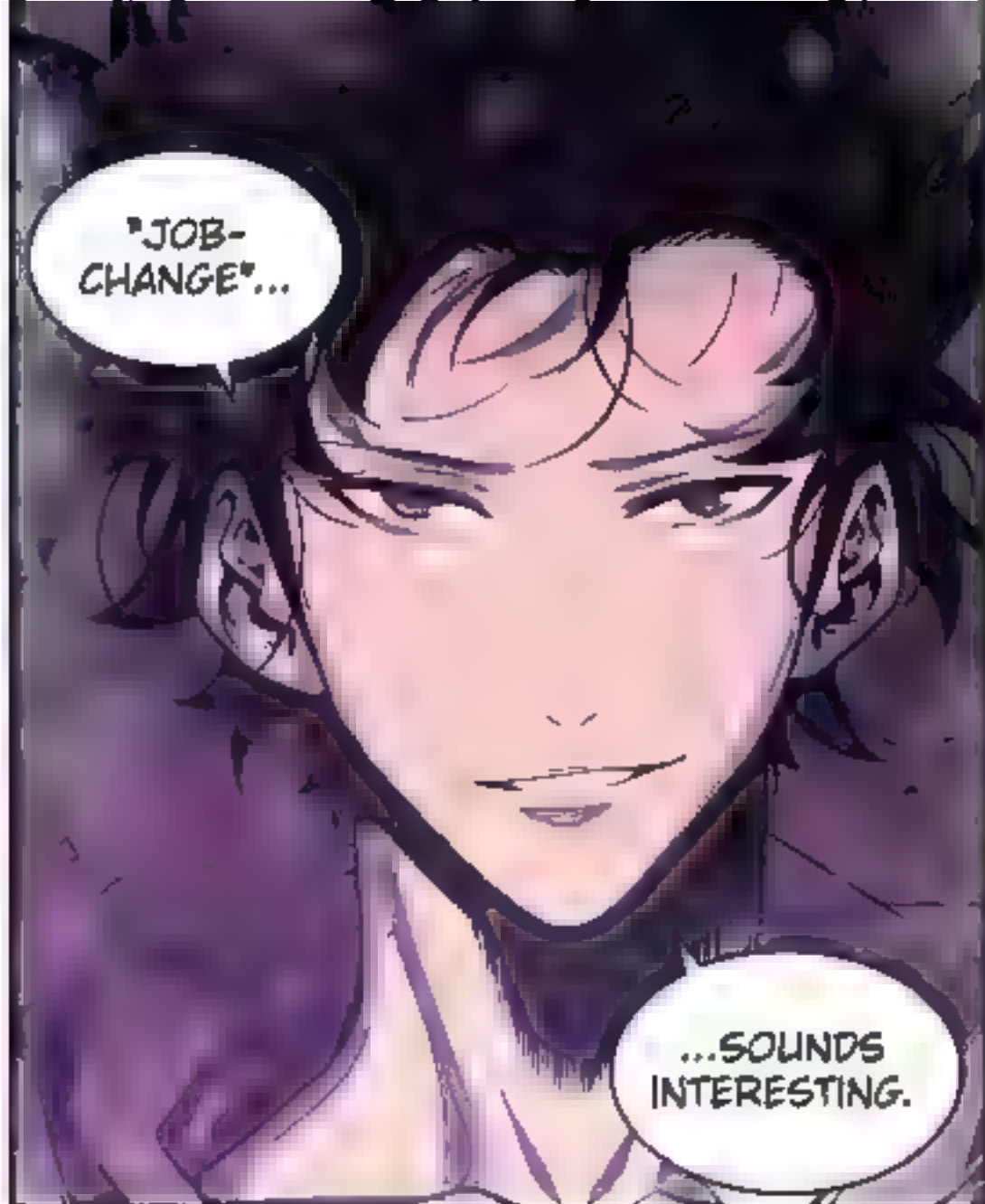
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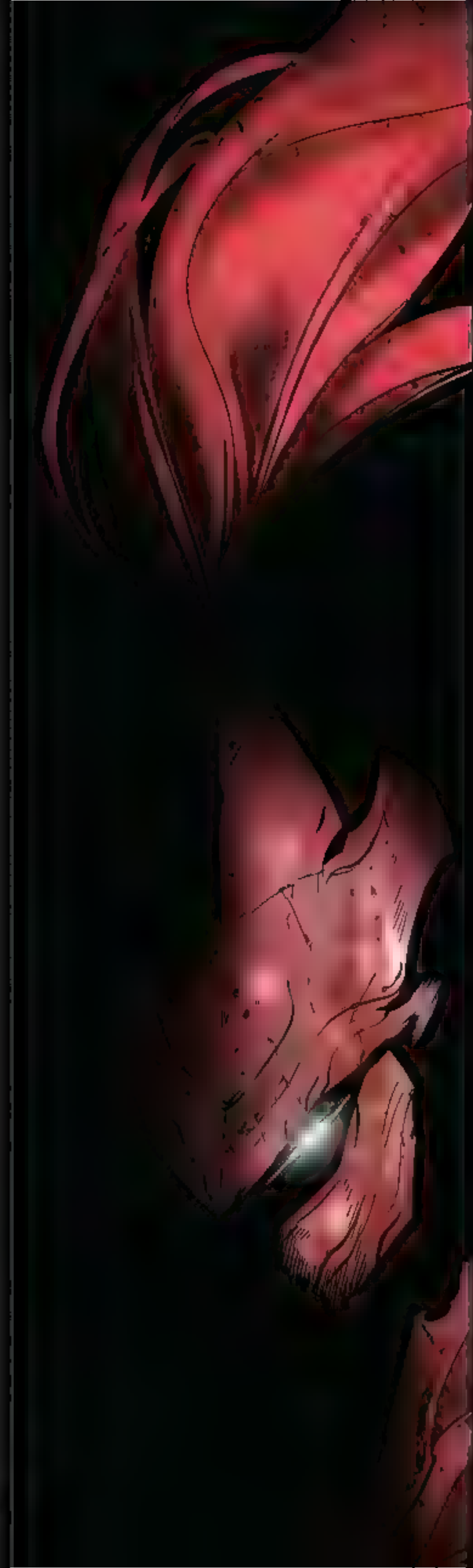
Job-Change Quest

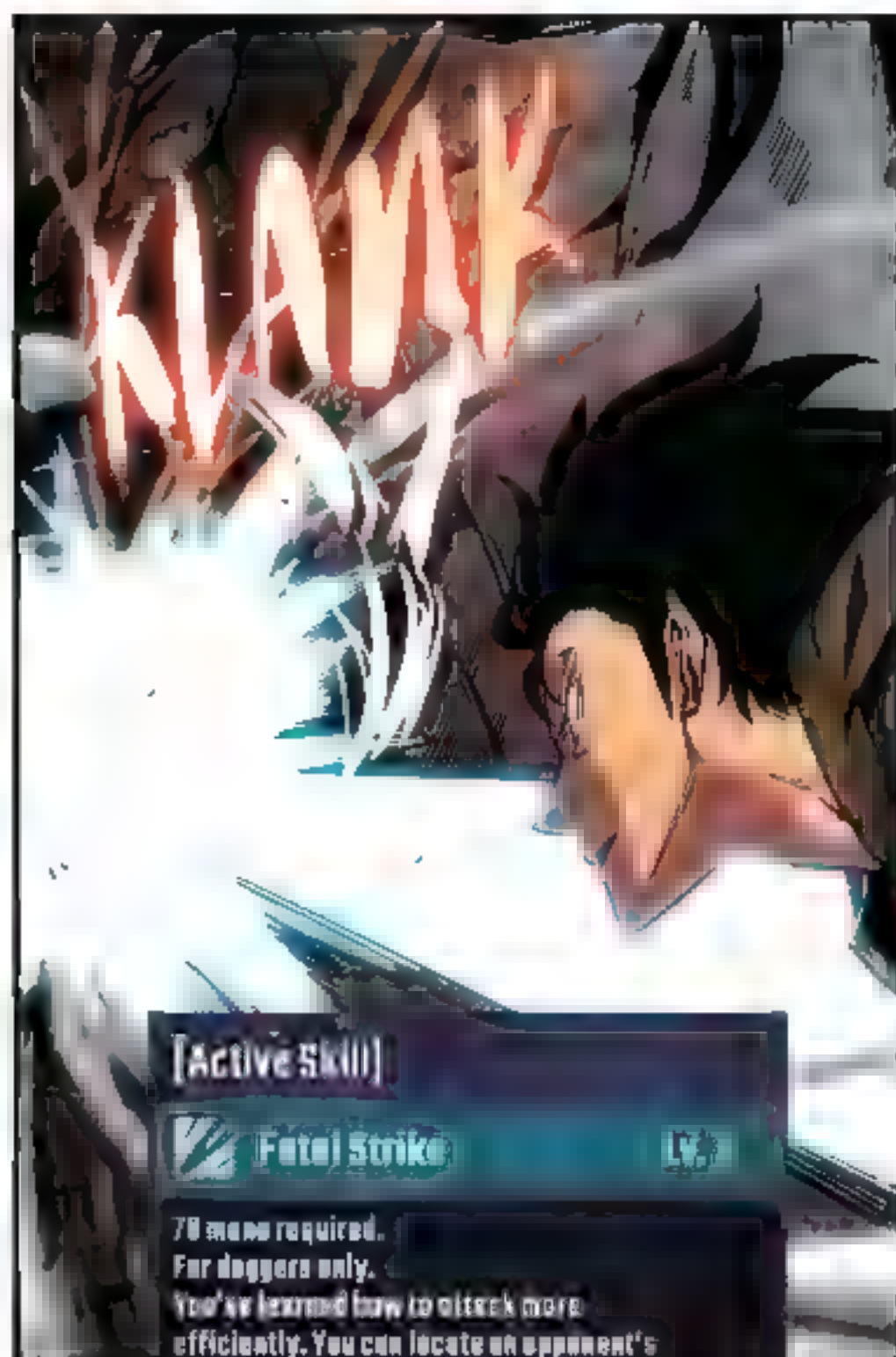
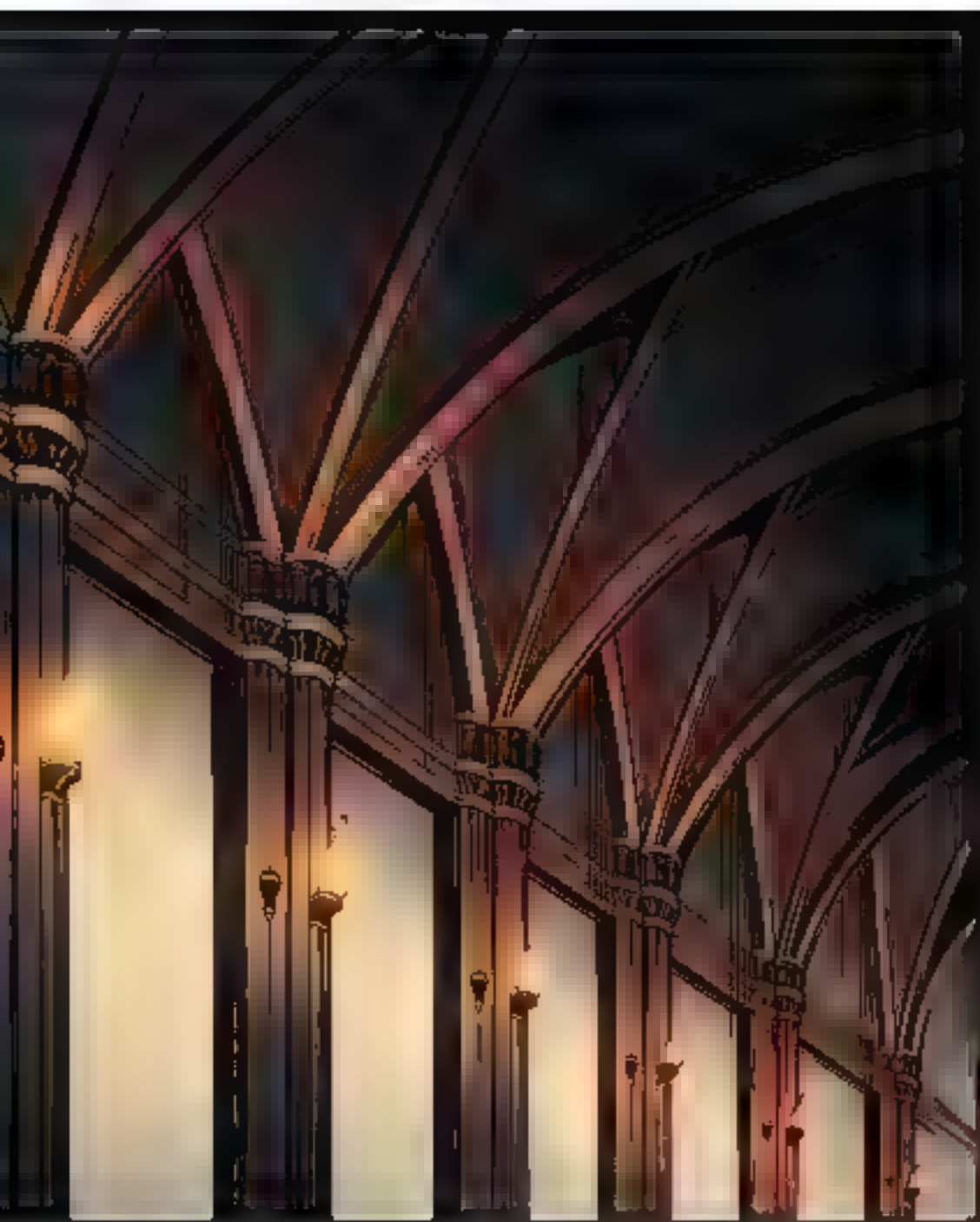


Solo
Leveling







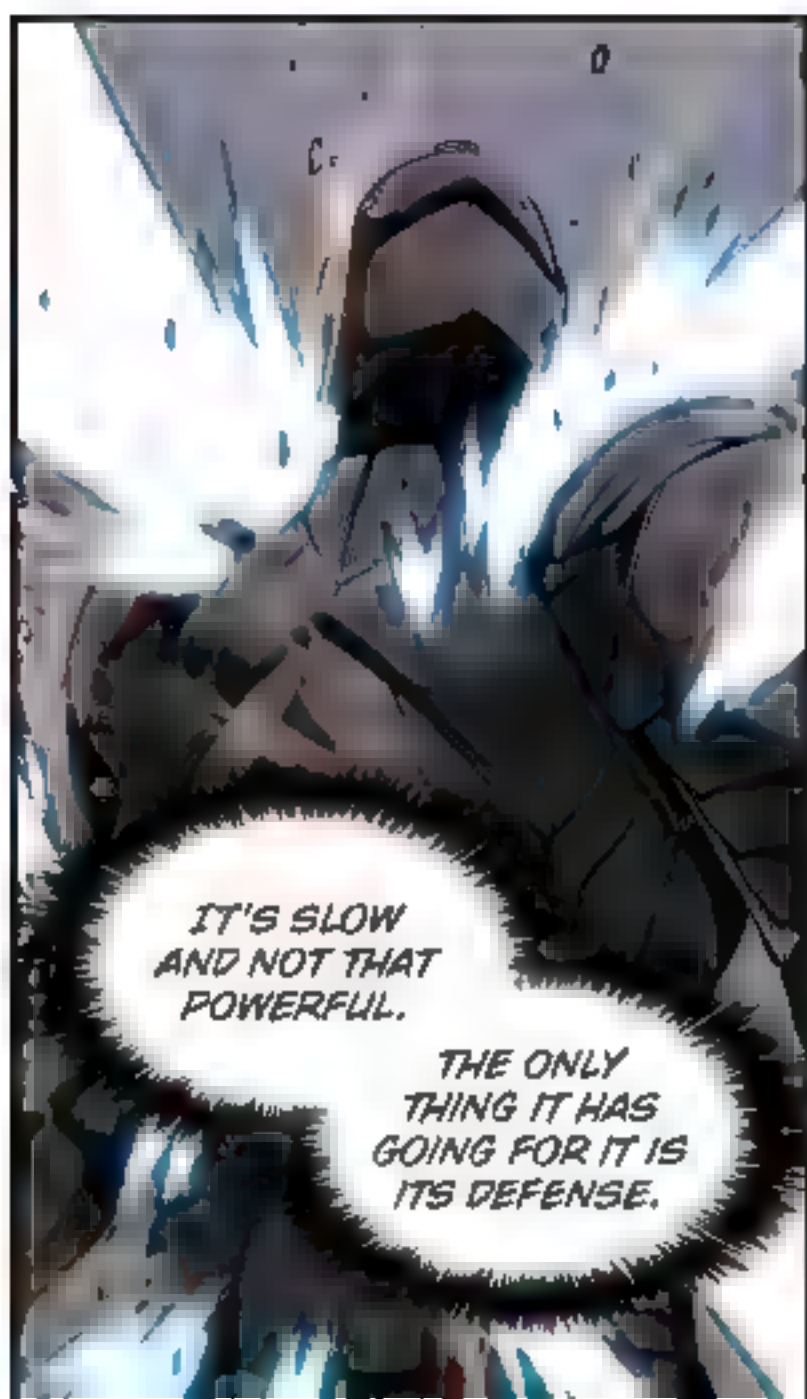
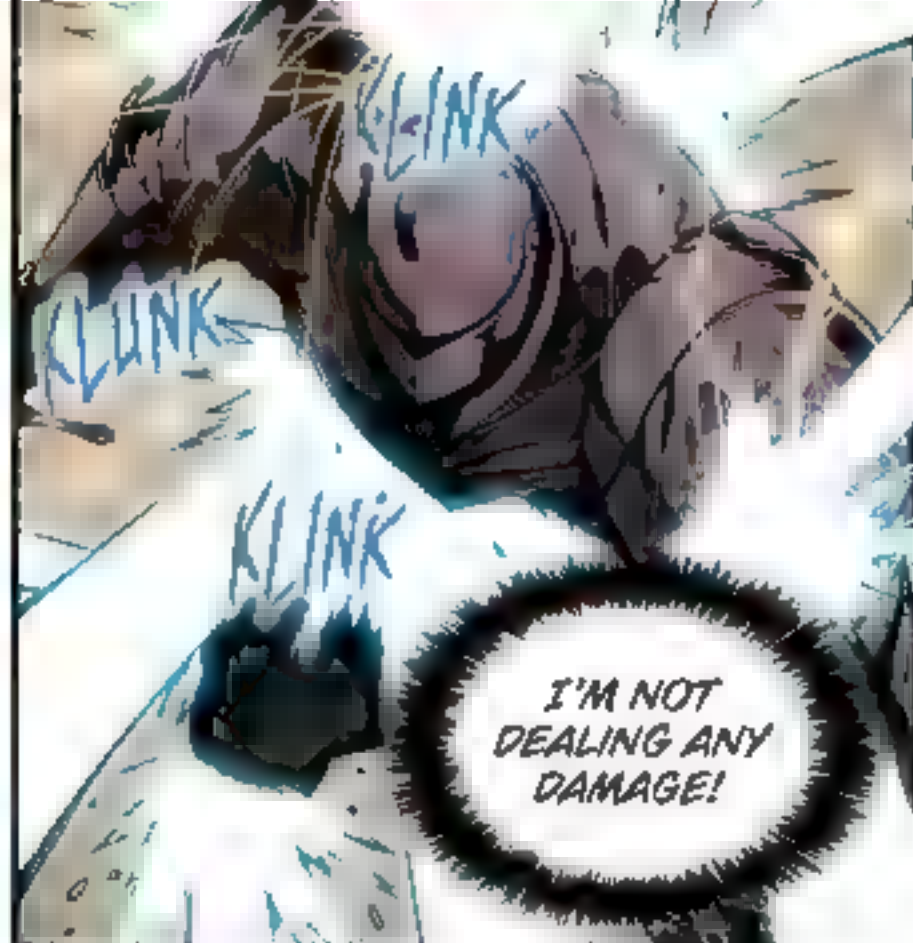
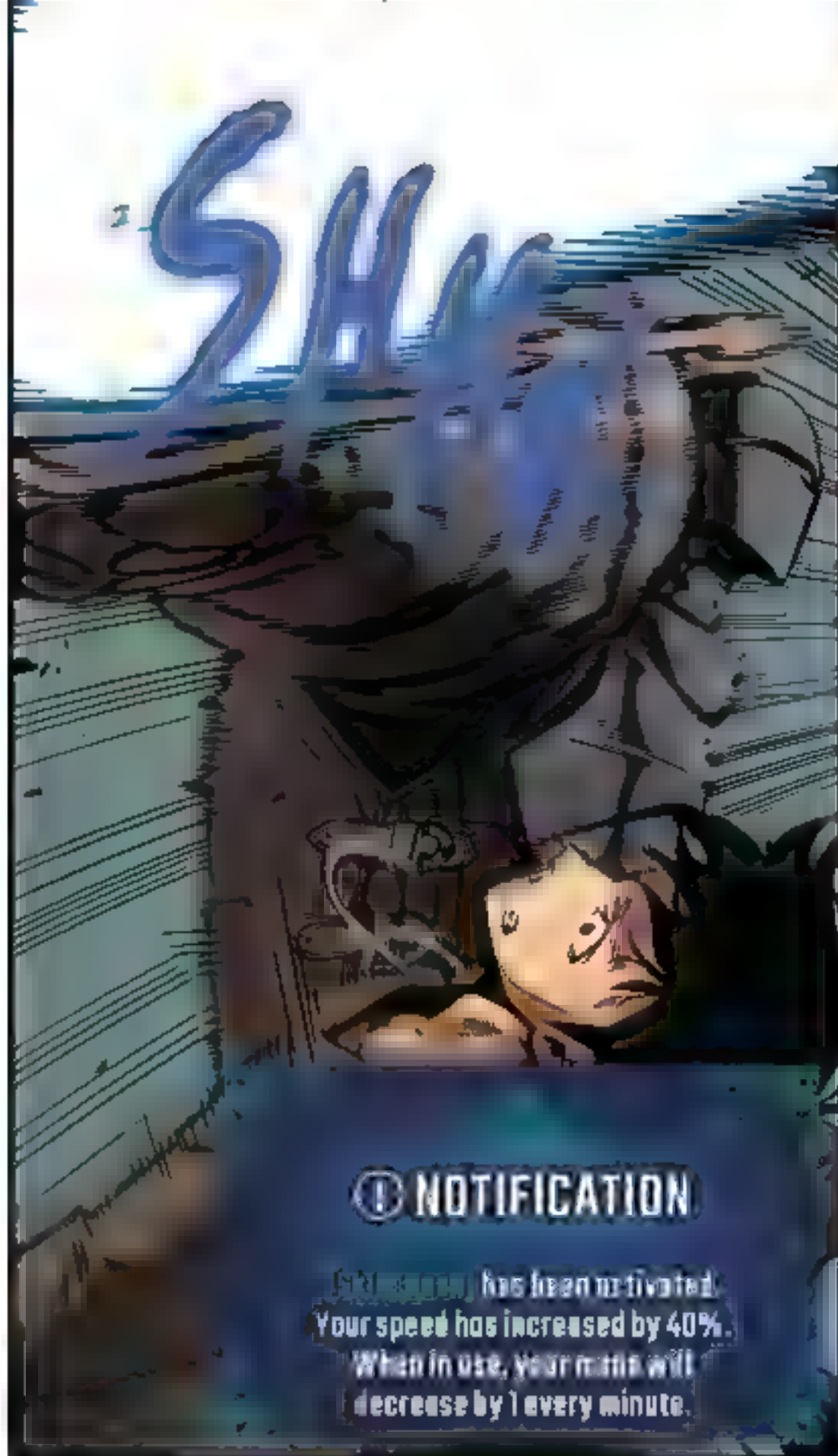


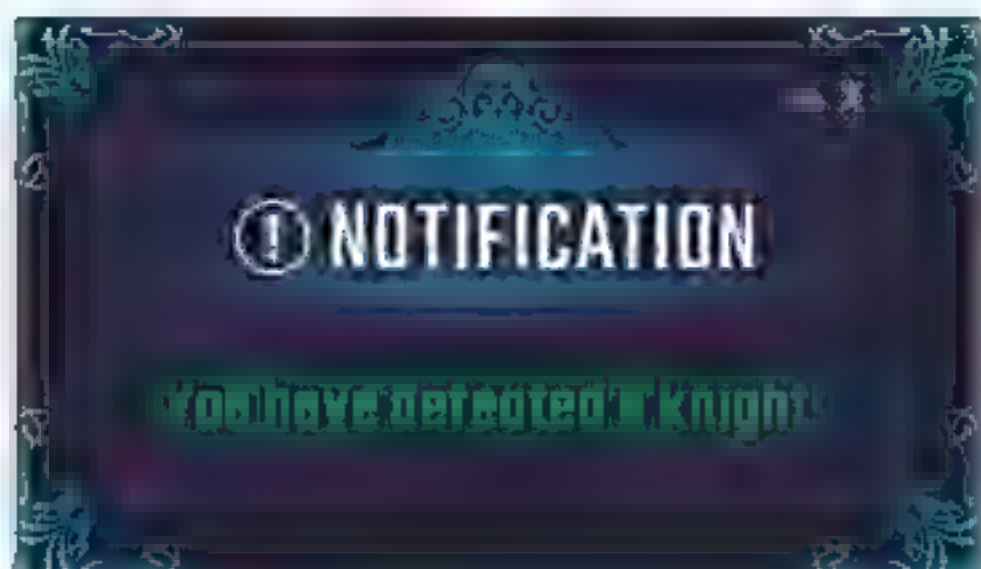
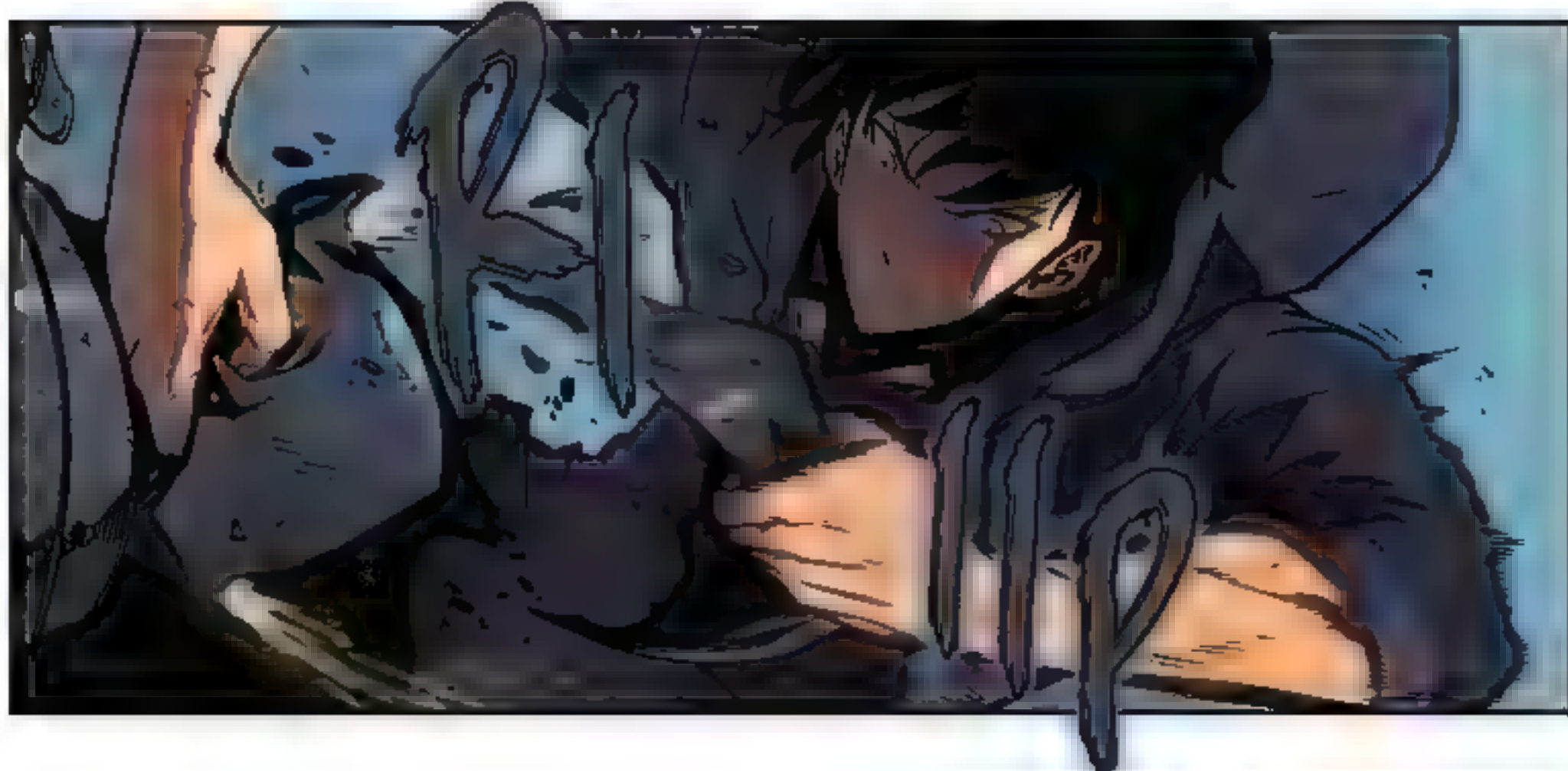
[Active Skill]

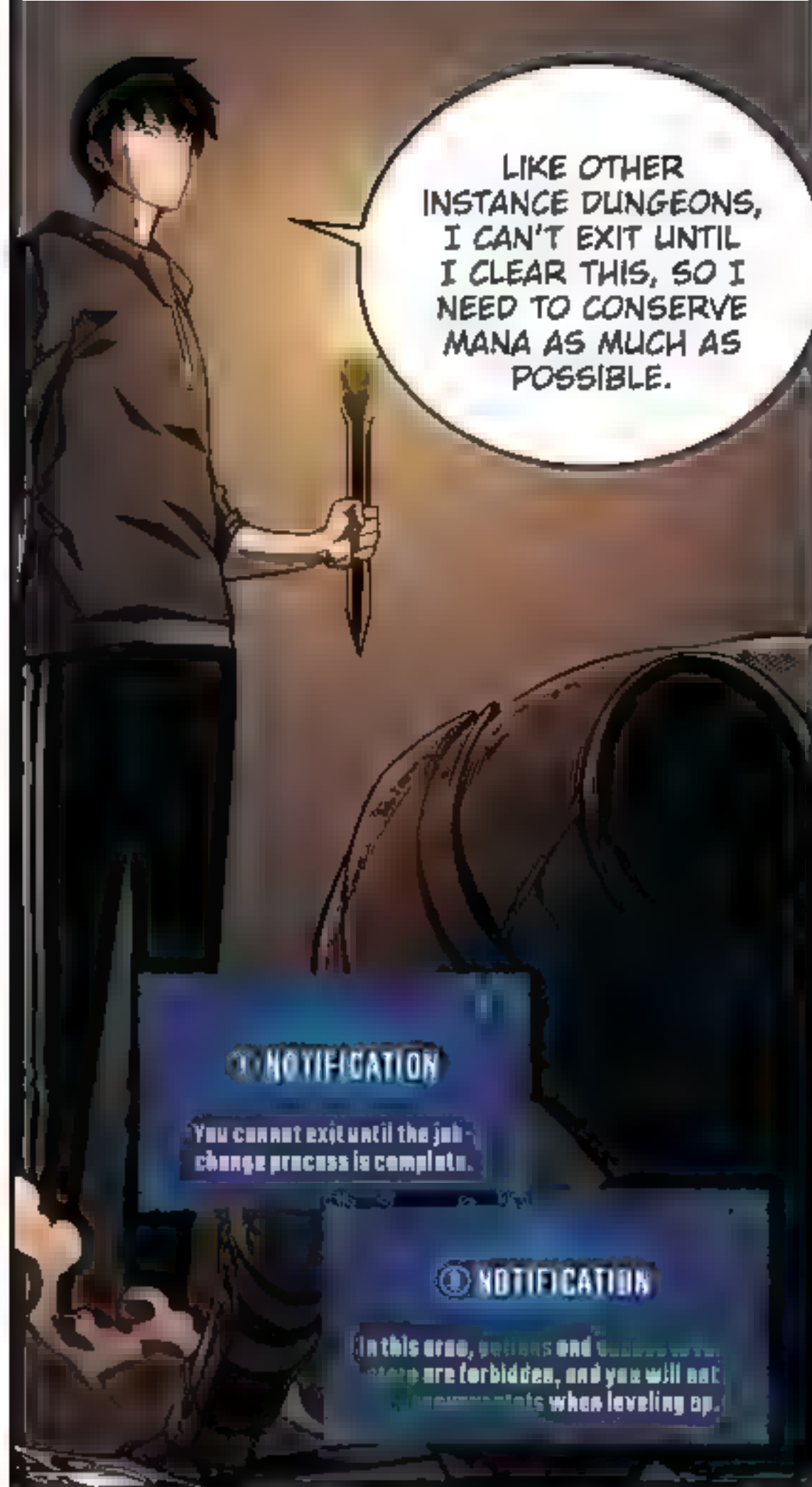
 **Fatal Strike**

LV. 1

70 mana required.
For daggers only.
You've learned how to attack more efficiently. You can locate an opponent's weak spots and deal fatal damage.







LIKE OTHER
INSTANCE DUNGEONS,
I CAN'T EXIT UNTIL
I CLEAR THIS, SO I
NEED TO CONSERVE
MANA AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

NOTIFICATION

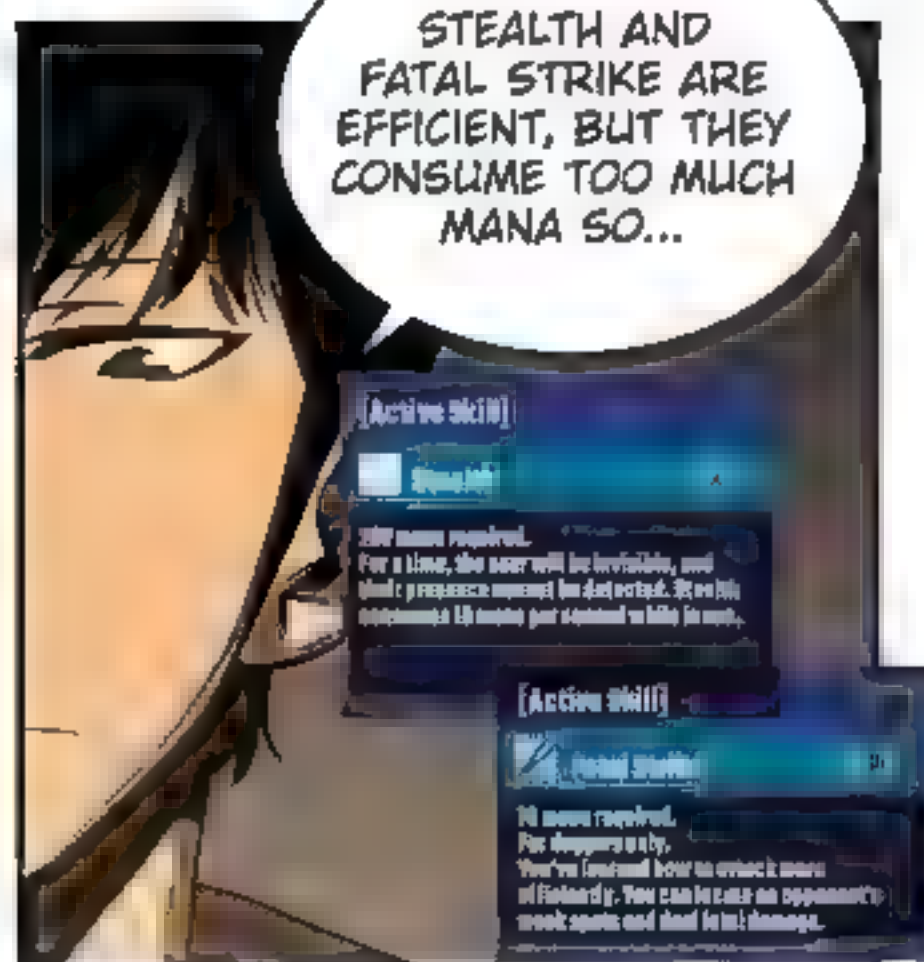
You cannot exit until the job-
change process is complete.

NOTIFICATION

In this area, selling and buying items
are forbidden, and you will not
receive experience when leveling up.



WORST OF
ALL, DAMAGE
CAN ADD UP.



STEALTH AND
FATAL STRIKE ARE
EFFICIENT, BUT THEY
CONSUME TOO MUCH
MANA SO...

[Active Skill]

Stealth

200 mana required.
For a time, the user will be invisible, and
their presence cannot be detected. It will
consume 10 mana per second while in use.

[Active Skill]

Fatal Strike

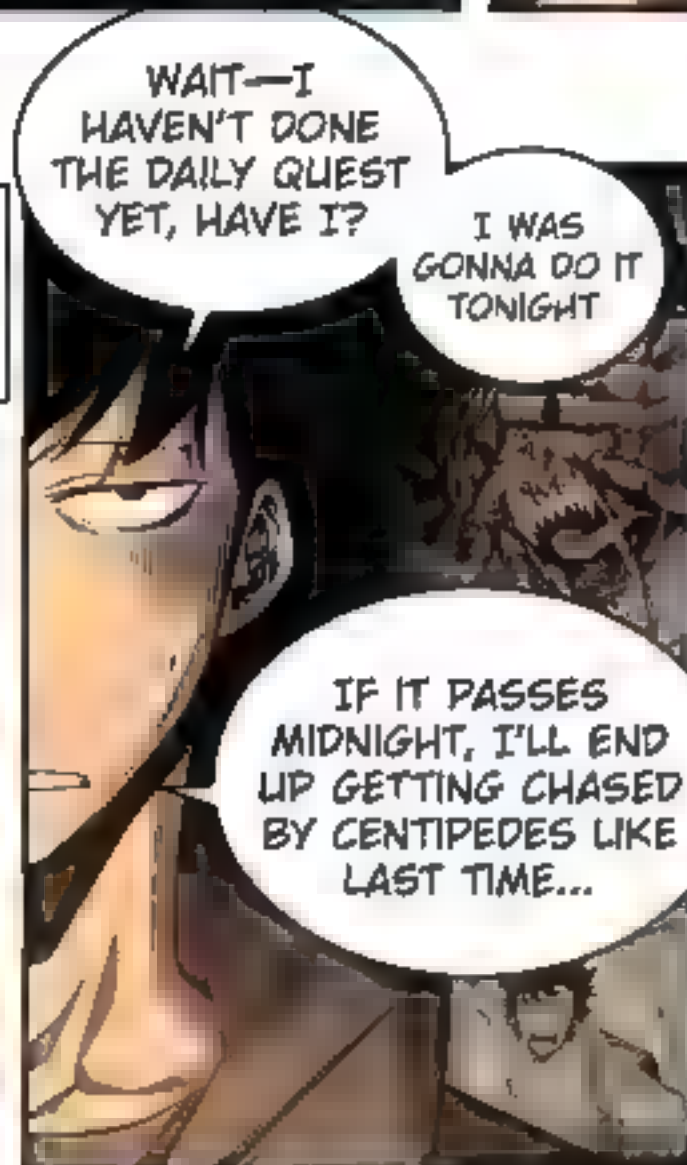
10 mana required.
For opportunity.
You've learned how to attack more
efficiently. You can focus on opponent's
weak spots and deal fatal damage.



UNKNOWN RANK,
NO HP RECOVERY,
AND NO EXIT.

THIS DUNGEON
IS VERY RISKY.

THIS JOB-CHANGE
QUEST... WON'T BE EASY.



WAIT—I
HAVEN'T DONE
THE DAILY QUEST
YET, HAVE I?

I WAS
GONNA DO IT
TONIGHT

IF IT PASSES
MIDNIGHT, I'LL END
UP GETTING CHASED
BY CENTIPEDES LIKE
LAST TIME...



I'LL BE
CUTTING IT
CLOSE.

I NEED
TO FINISH THE
JOB-CHANGE
QUEST QUICKLY,
THEN DO THE
DAILY QUEST.

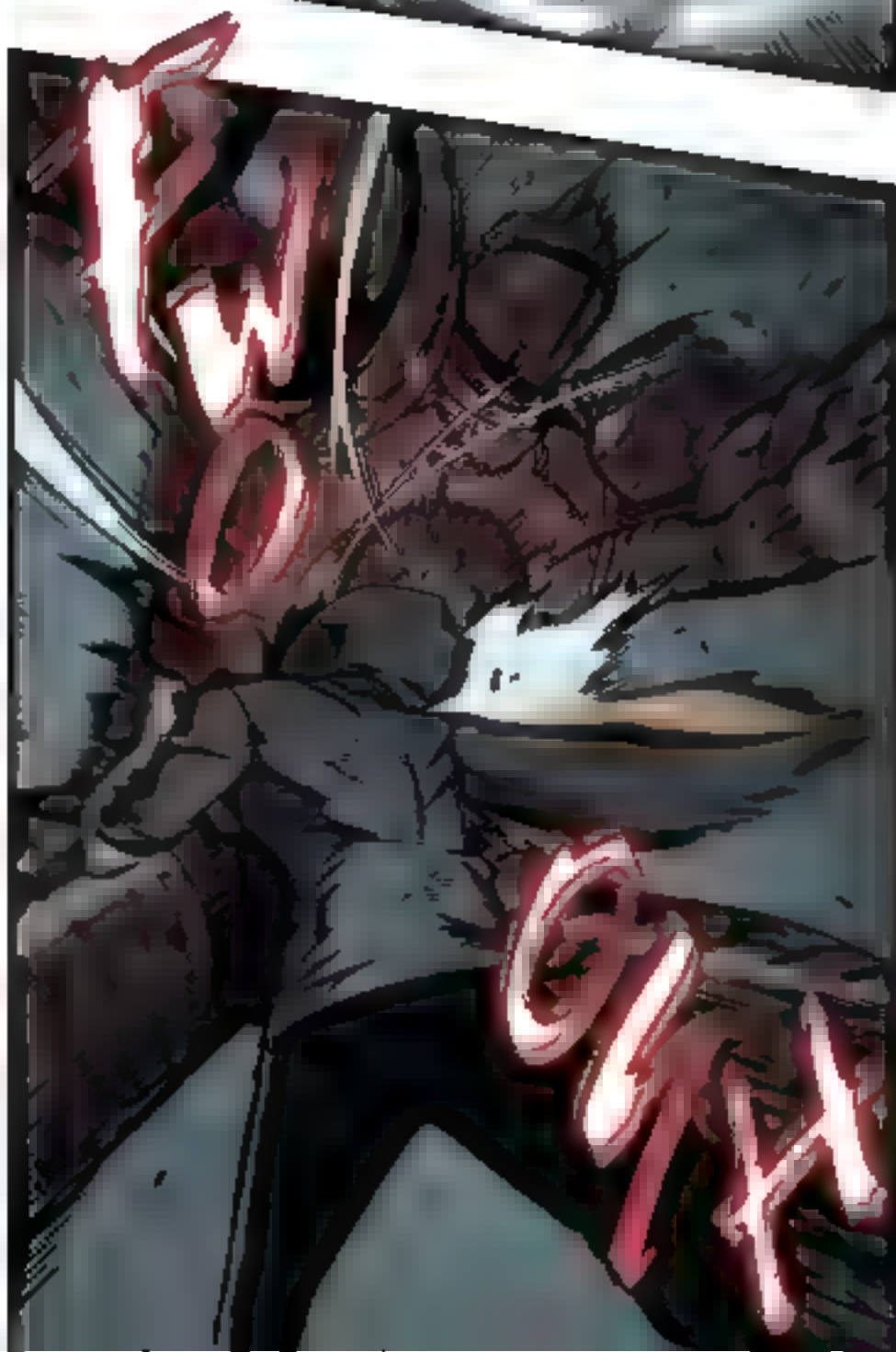
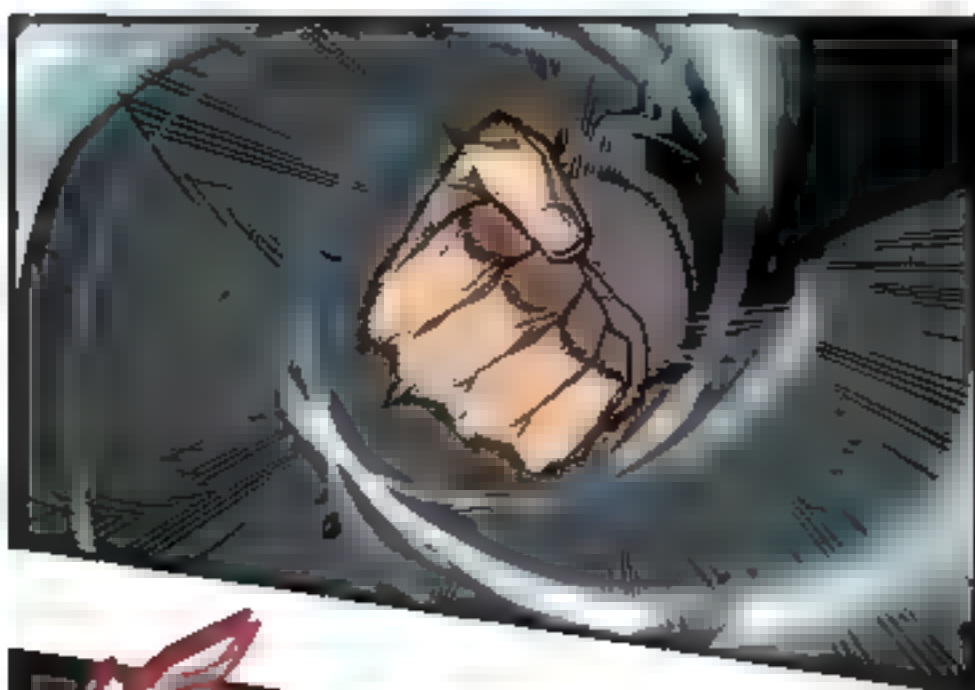
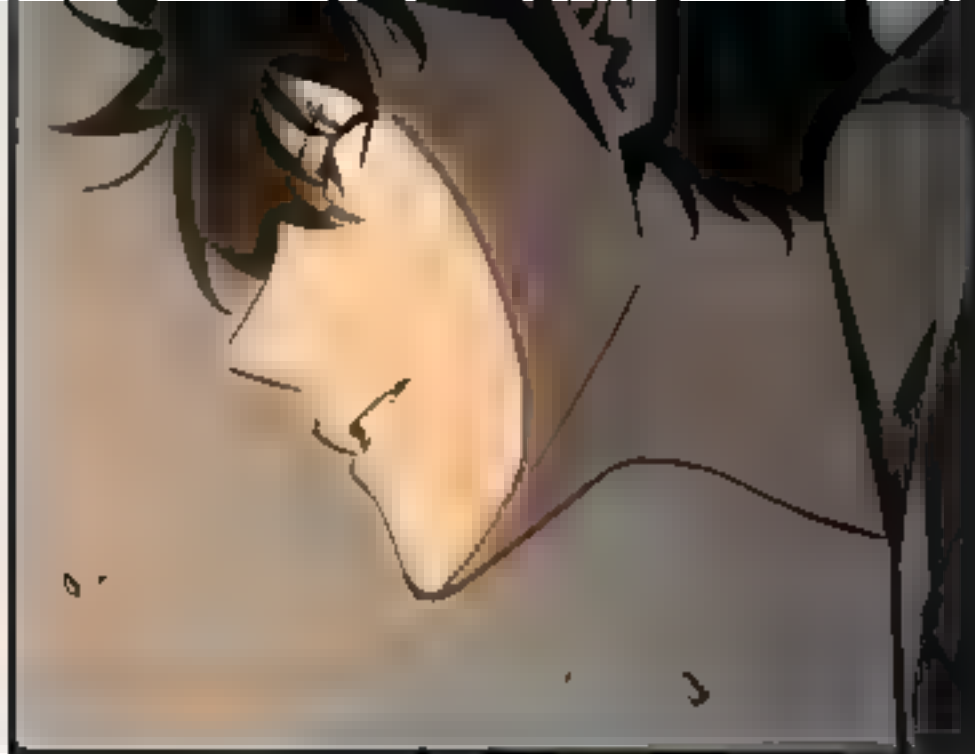
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FIRST...

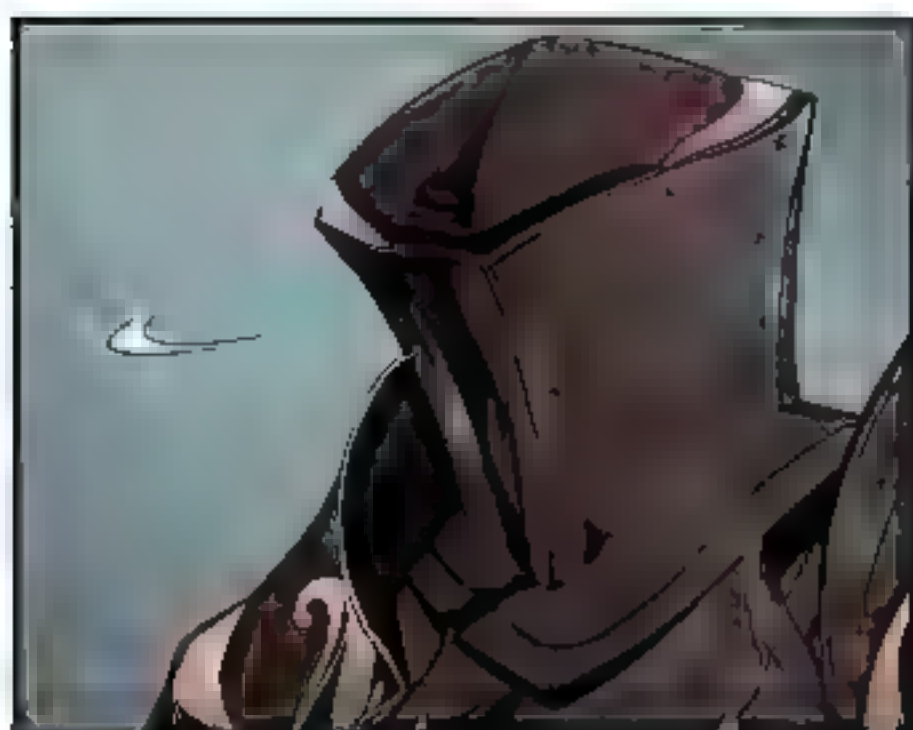
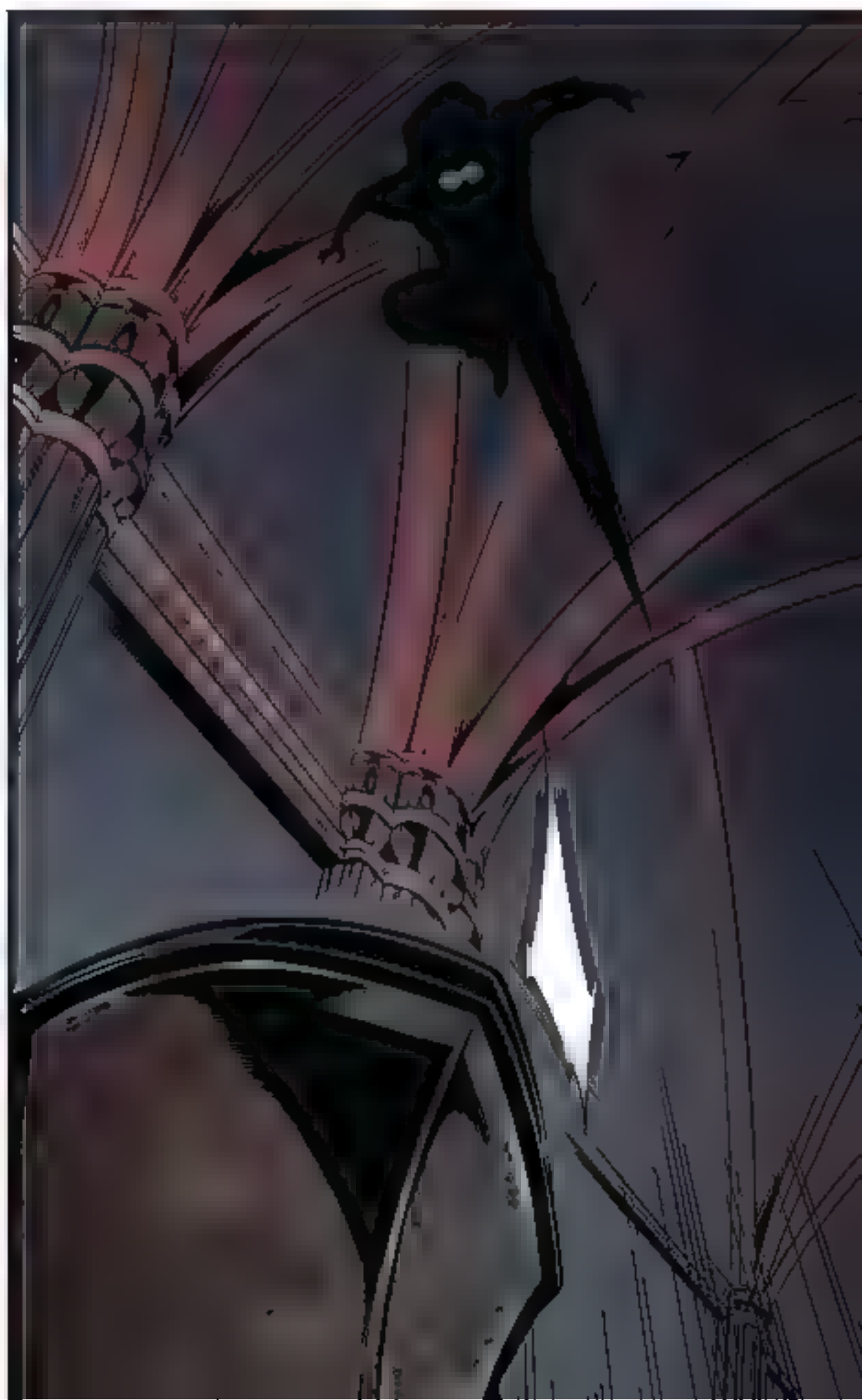
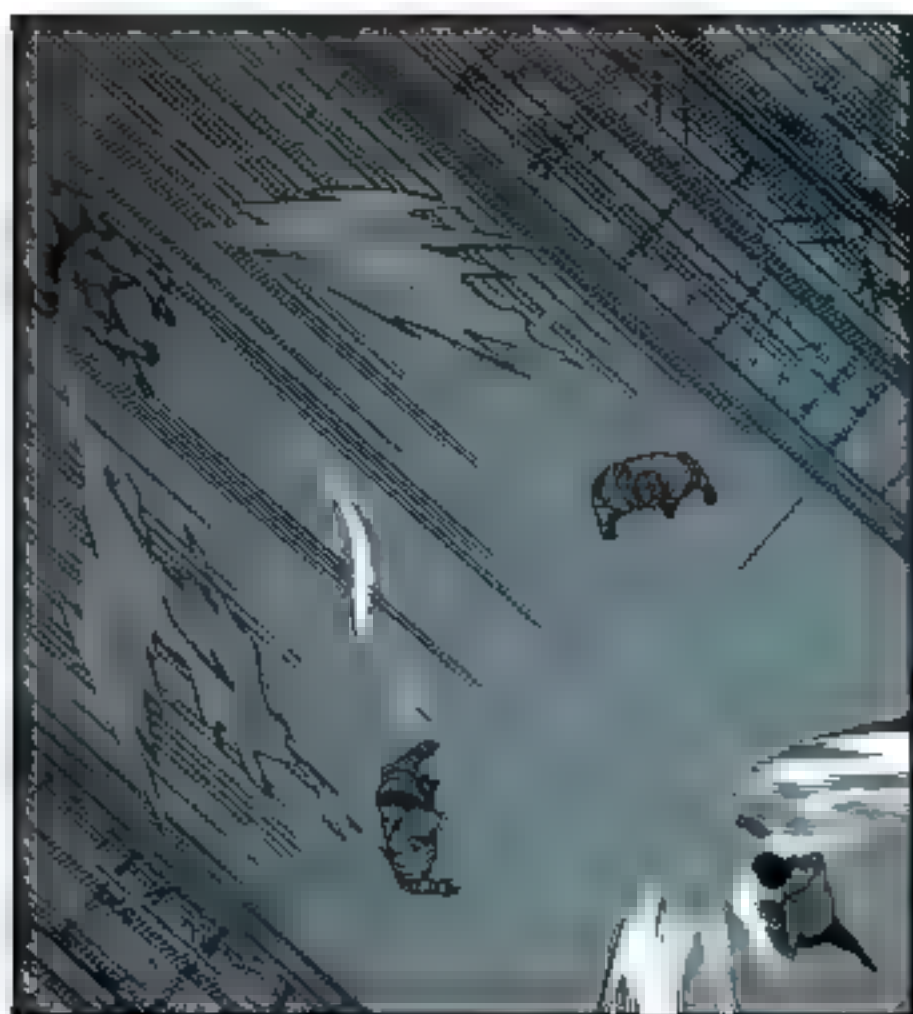
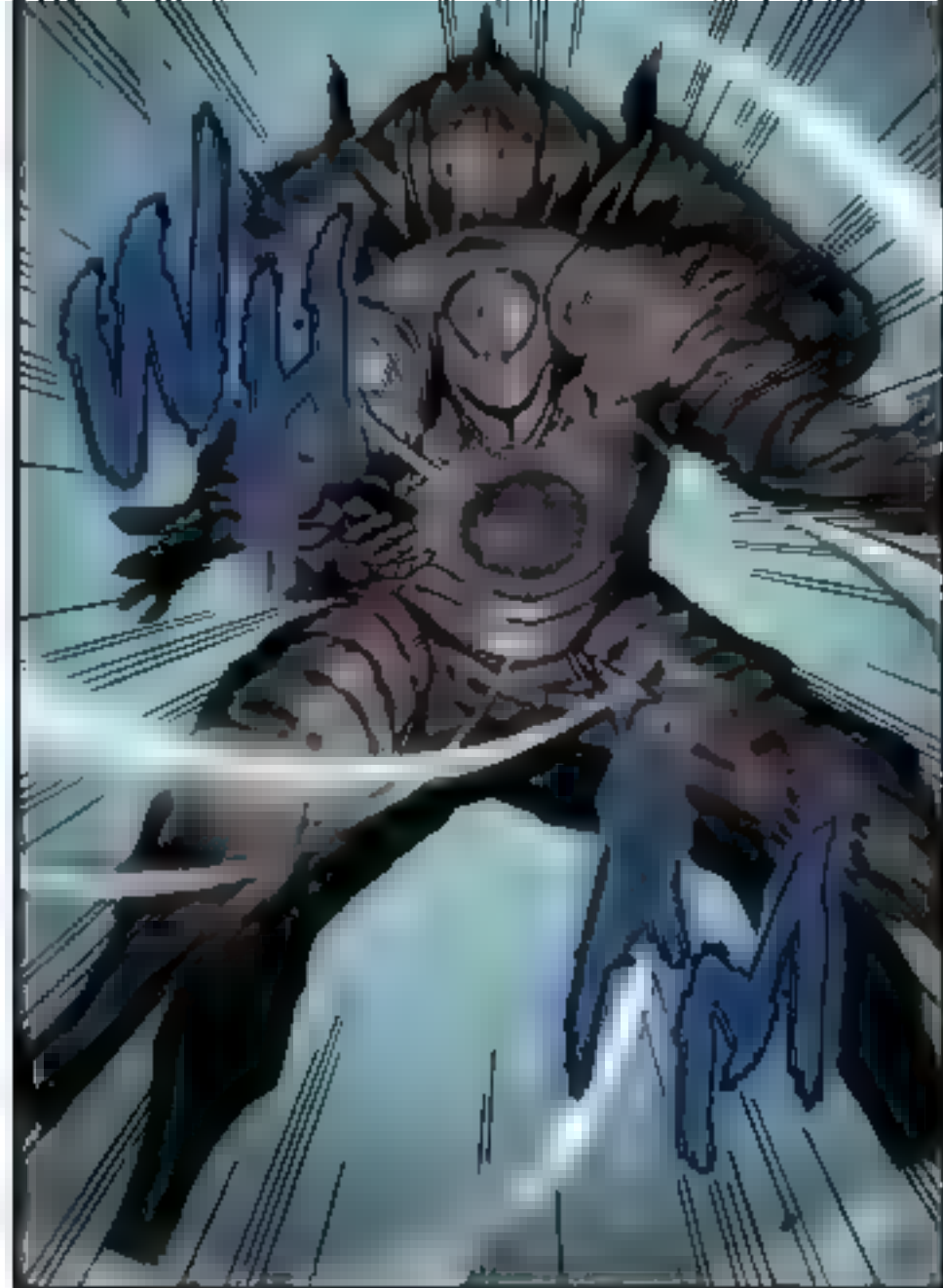
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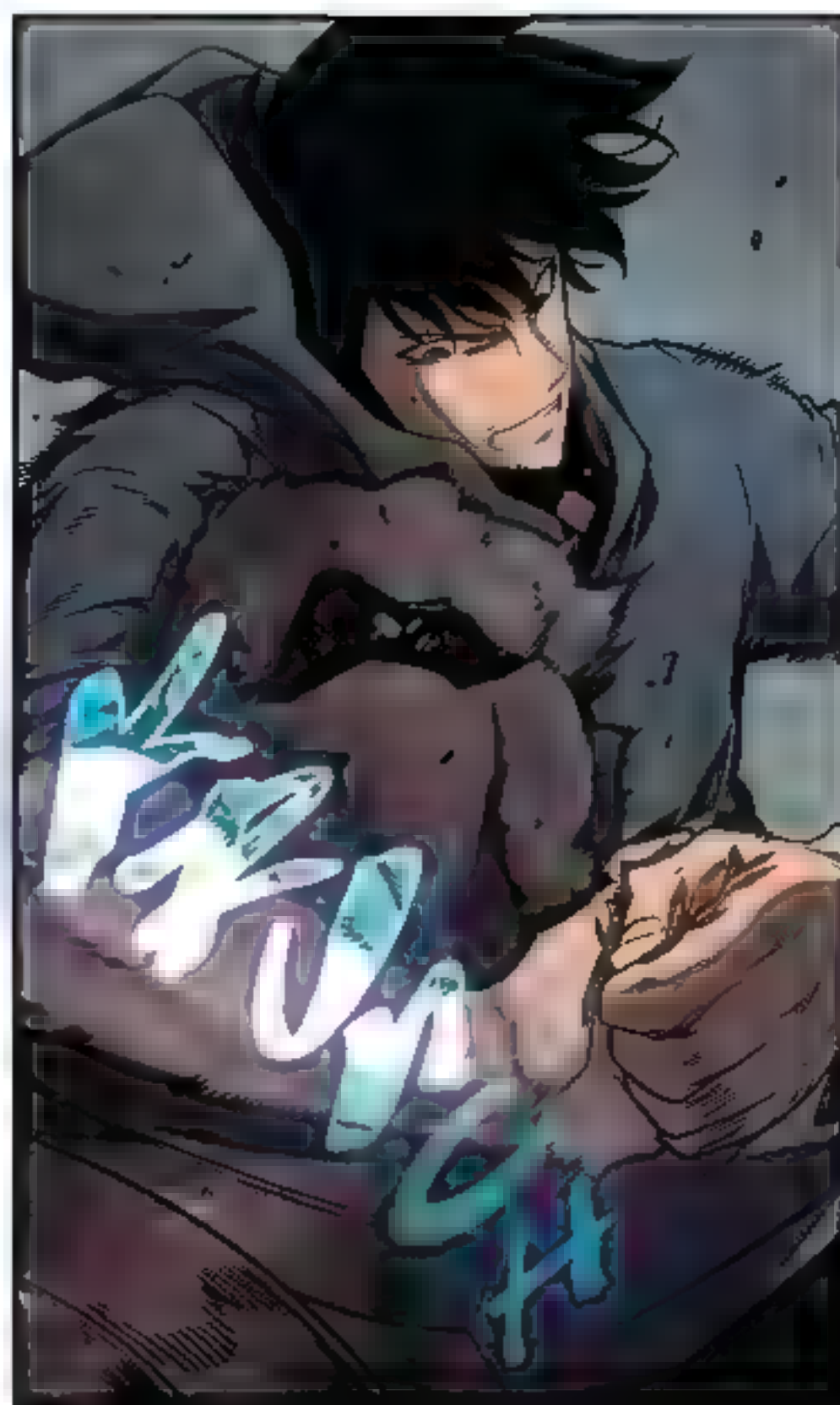
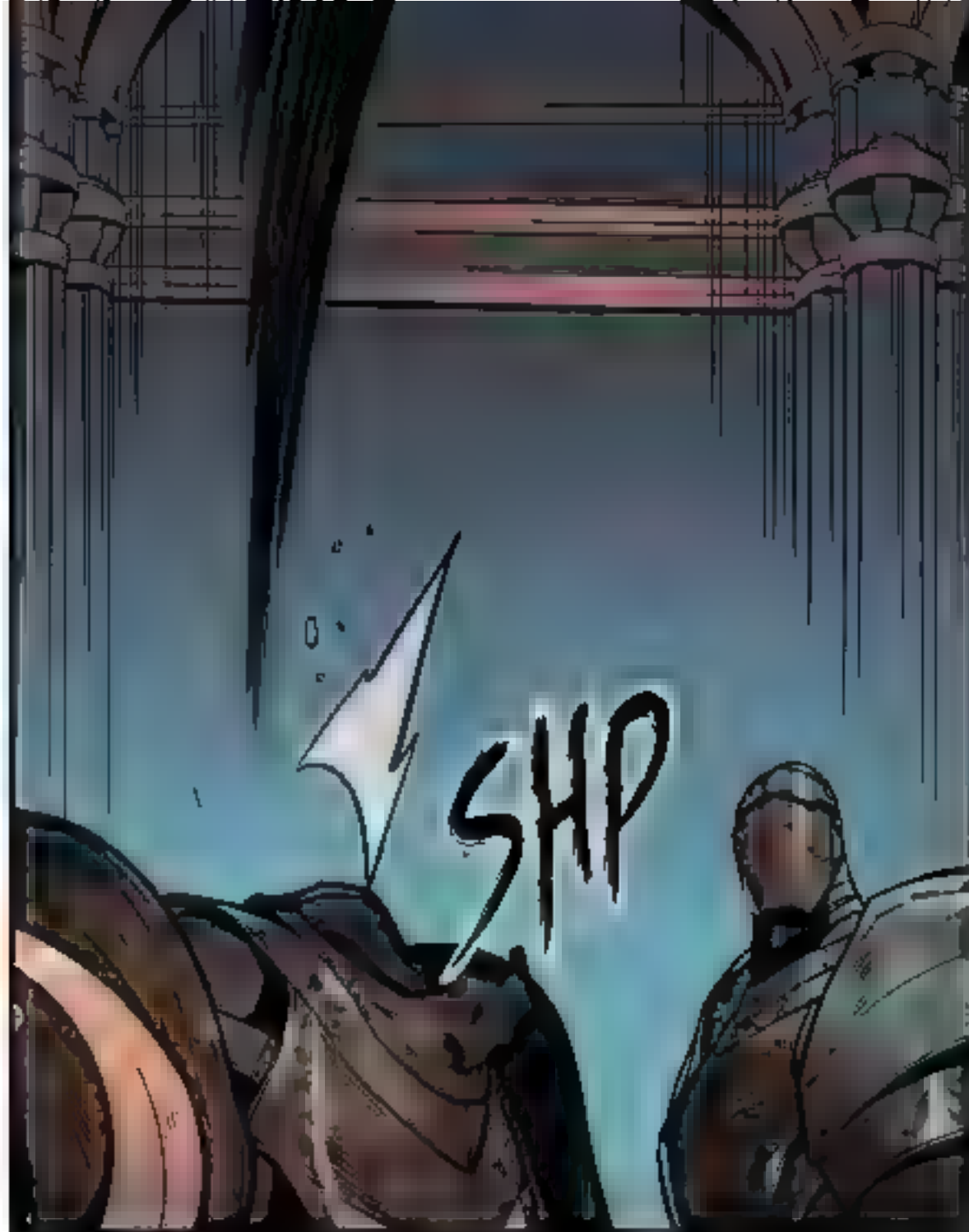
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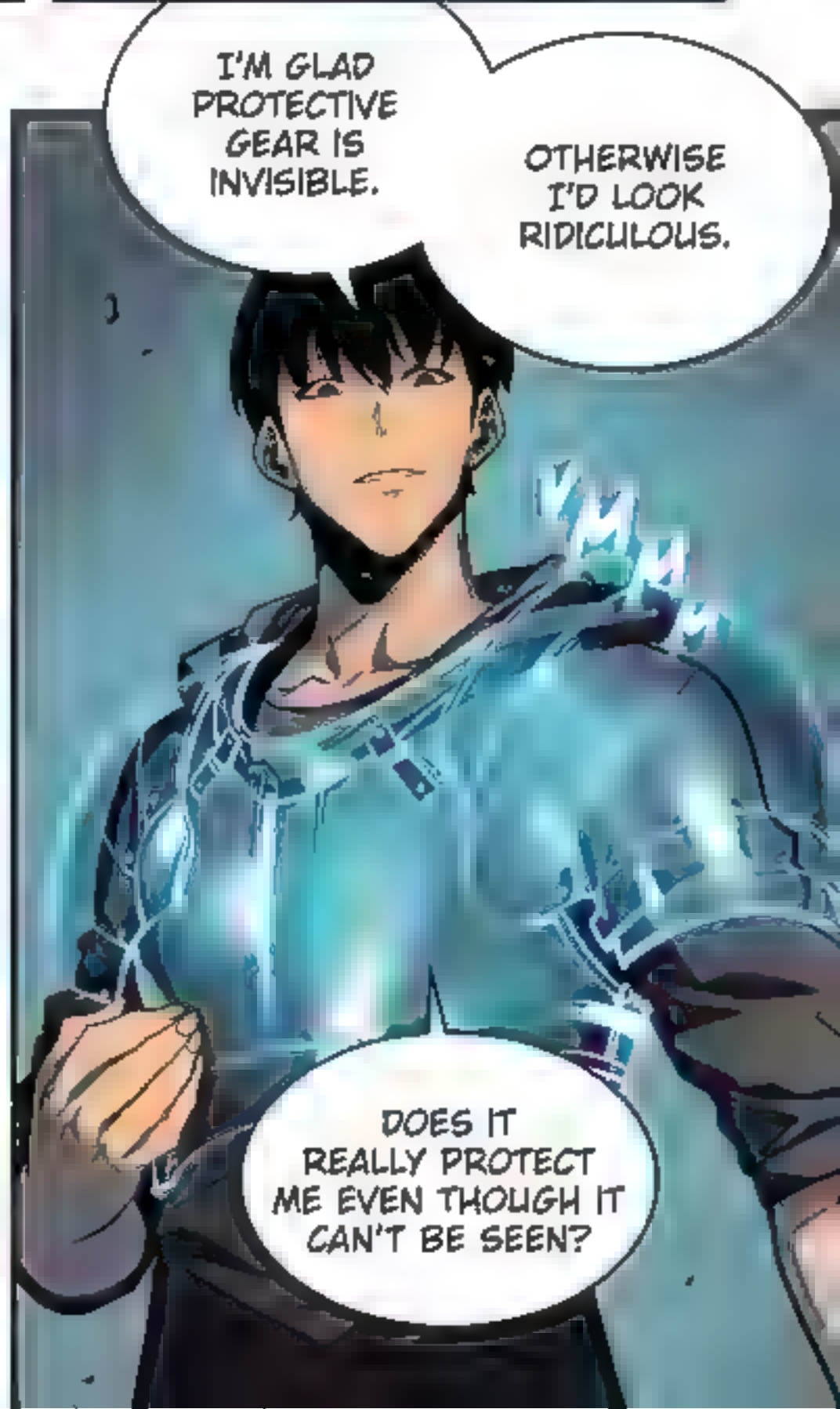
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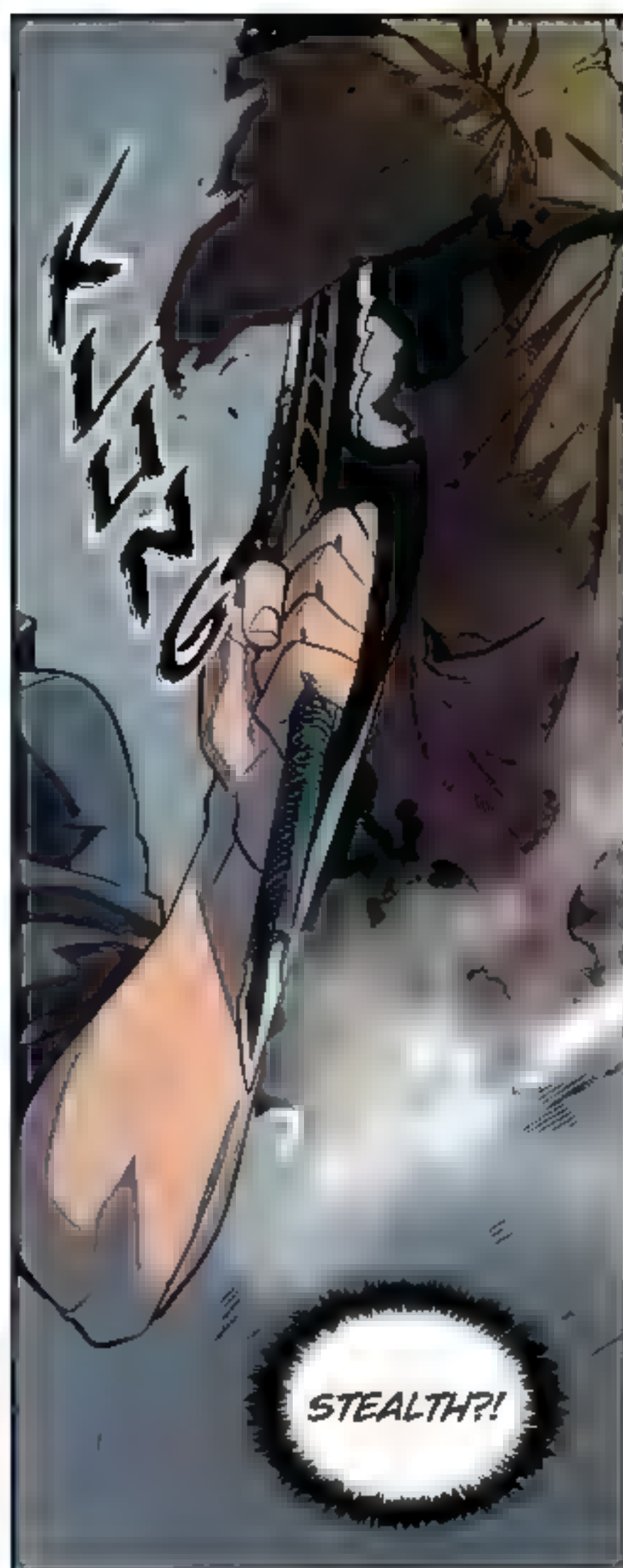
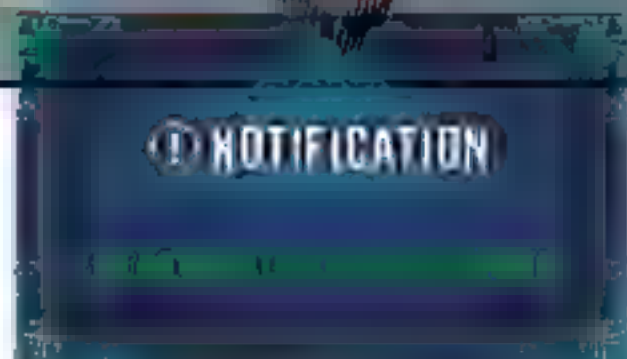
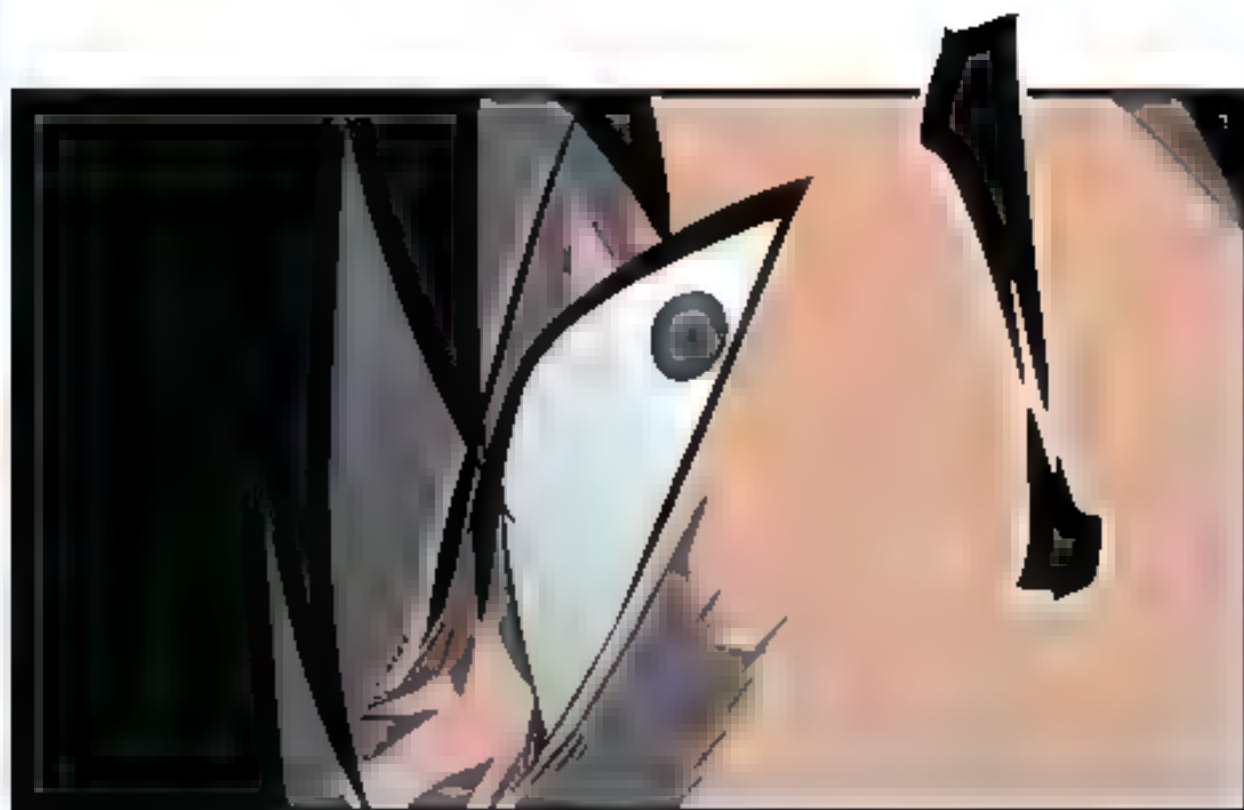
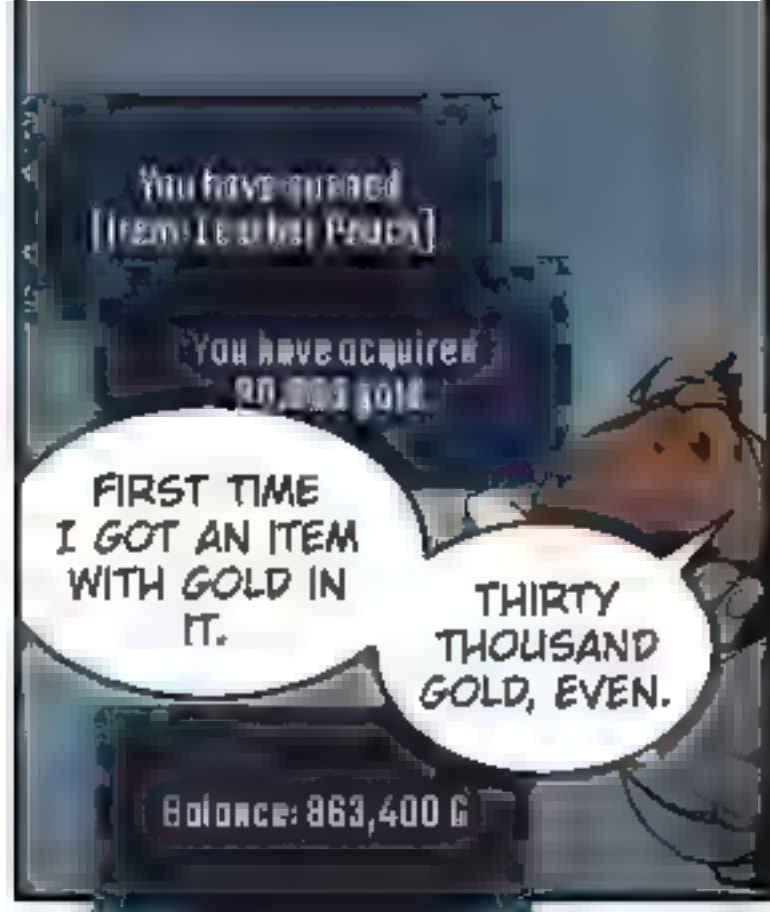
...I GUESS I
HAVE TO DEAL WITH
THESE METAL-HEADS
WHO LEAN ON THEIR
DEFENSE.

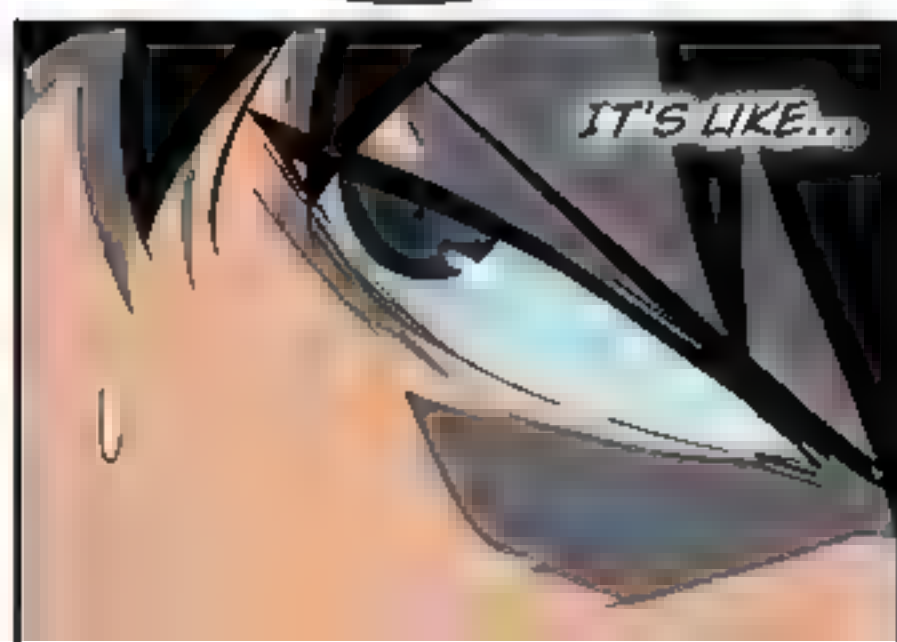
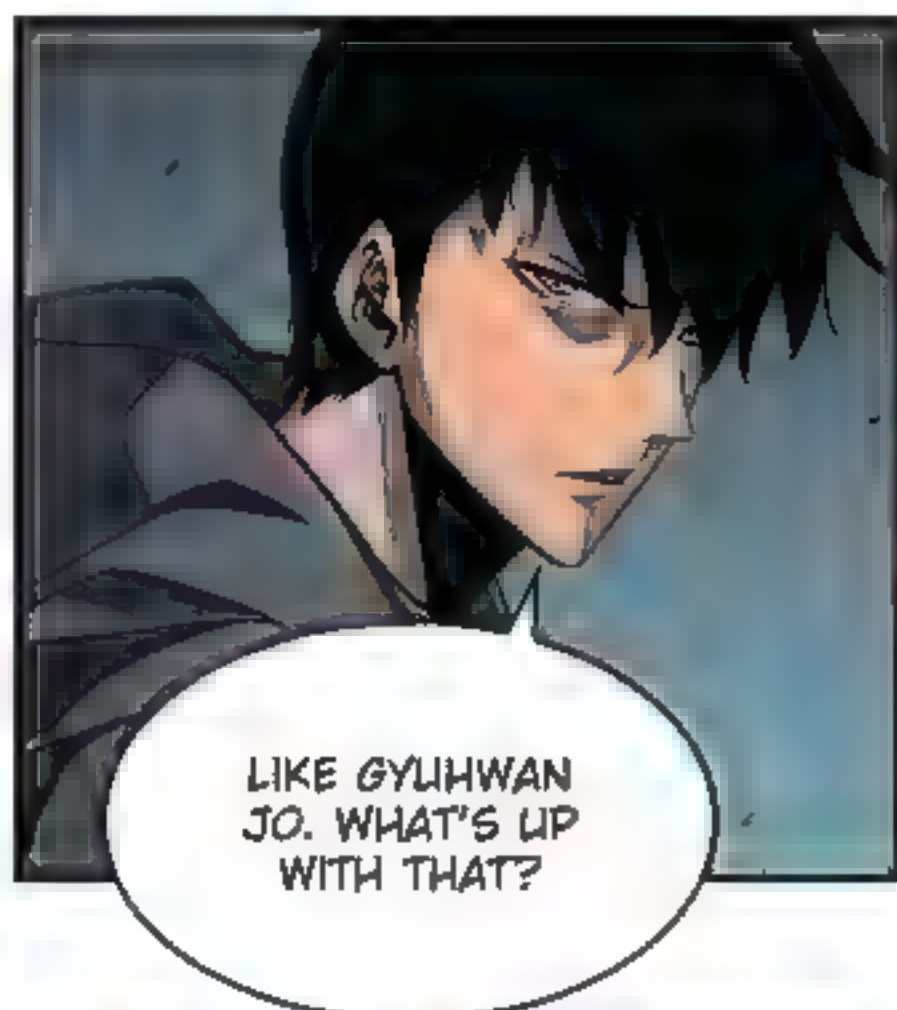
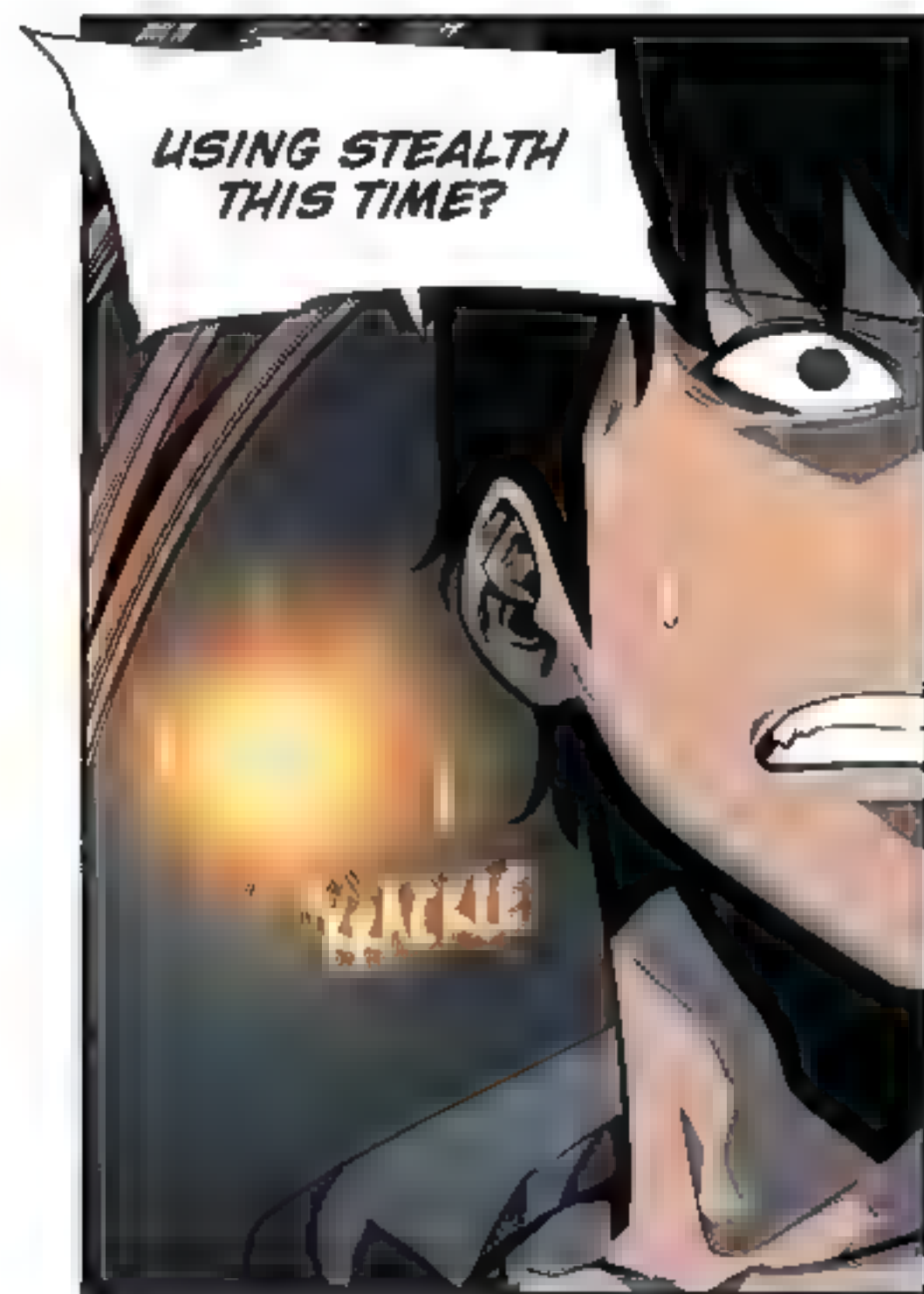


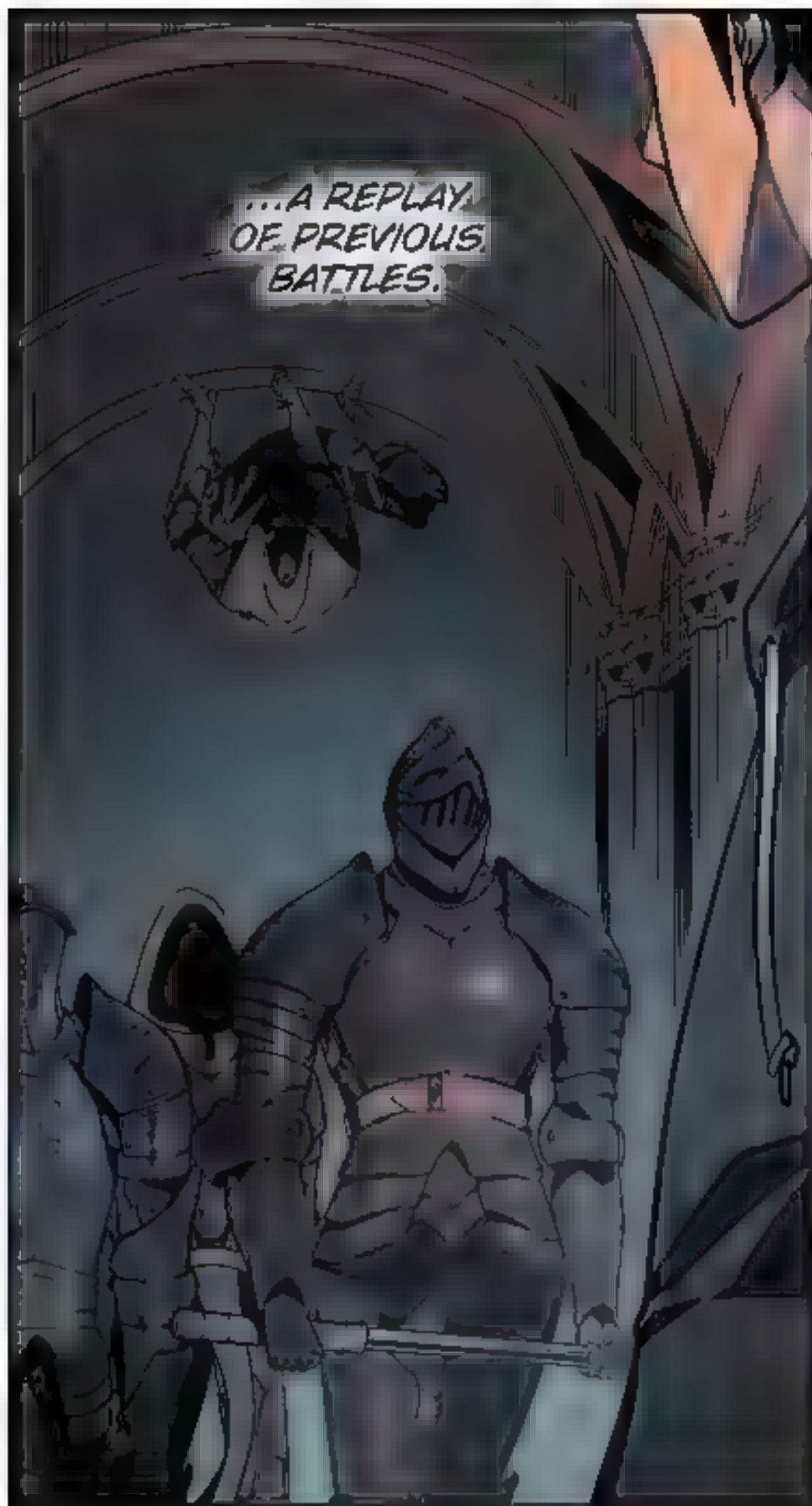










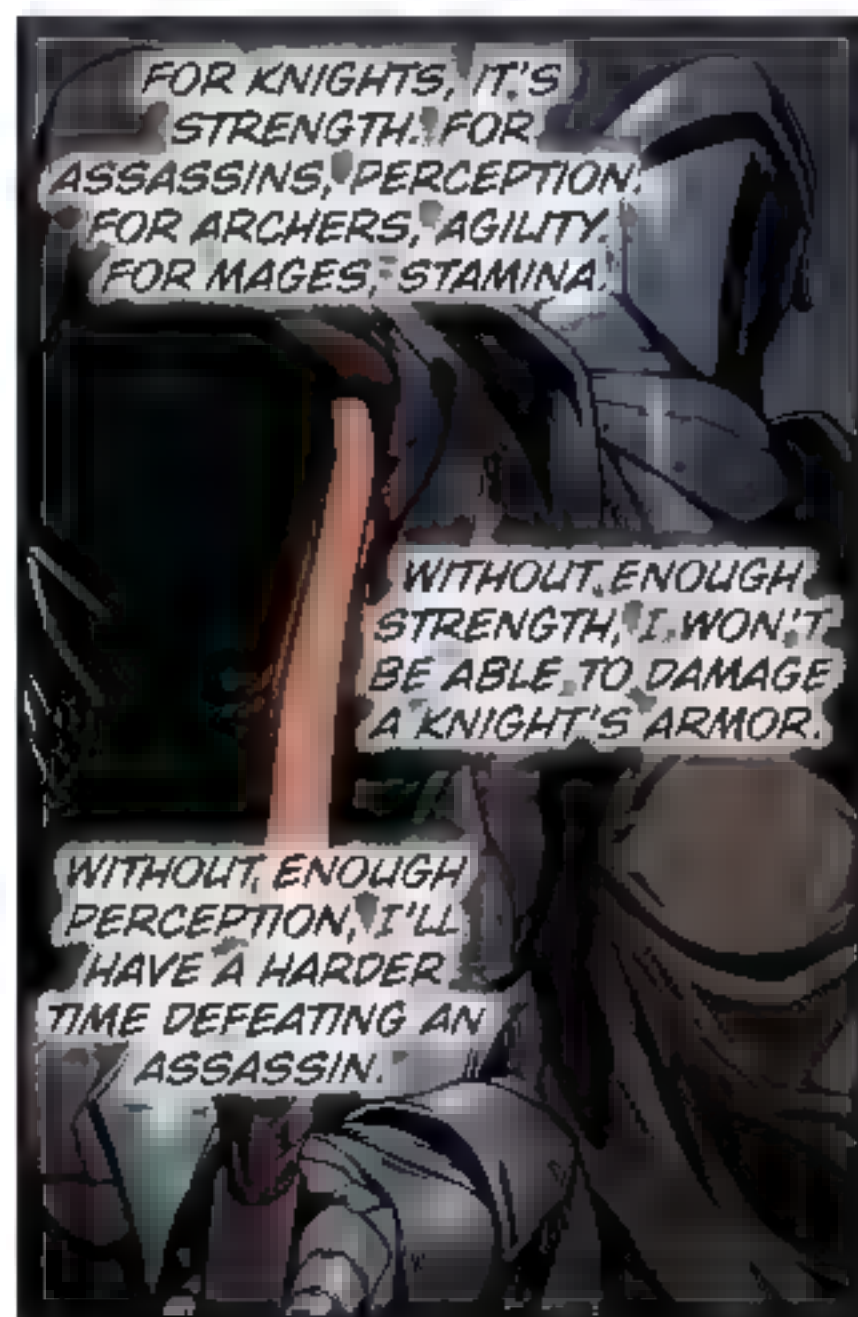


...A REPLAY
OF PREVIOUS
BATTLES.



THIS PLACE IS
TRICKIER THAN
I THOUGHT.

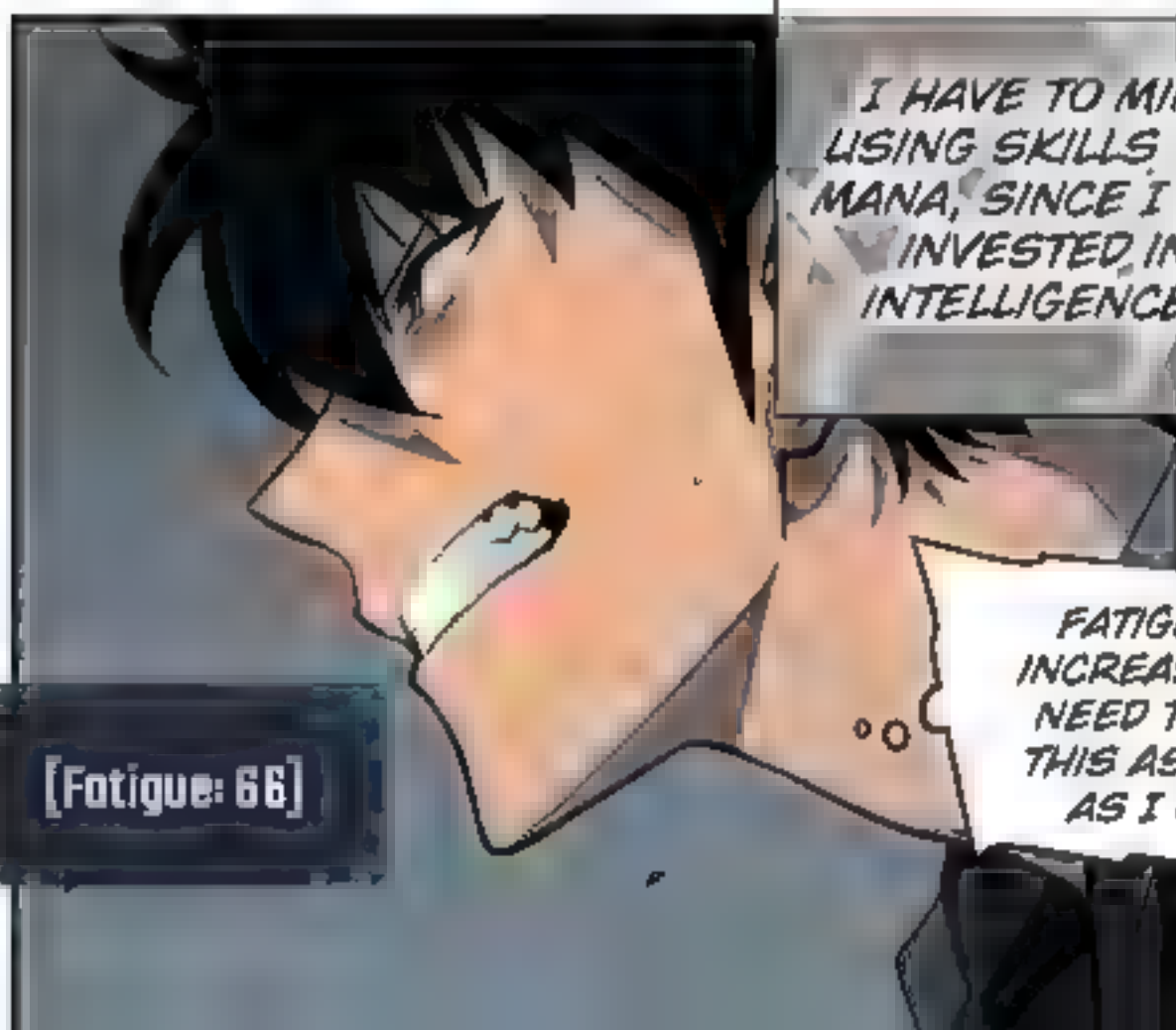
I NEED SPECIFIC
STATS TO
DEFEAT CERTAIN
MONSTERS.



FOR KNIGHTS, IT'S
STRENGTH. FOR
ASSASSINS, PERCEPTION.
FOR ARCHERS, AGILITY.
FOR MAGES, STAMINA.

WITHOUT ENOUGH
STRENGTH, I WON'T
BE ABLE TO DAMAGE
A KNIGHT'S ARMOR.

WITHOUT ENOUGH
PERCEPTION, I'LL
HAVE A HARDER
TIME DEFEATING AN
ASSASSIN.

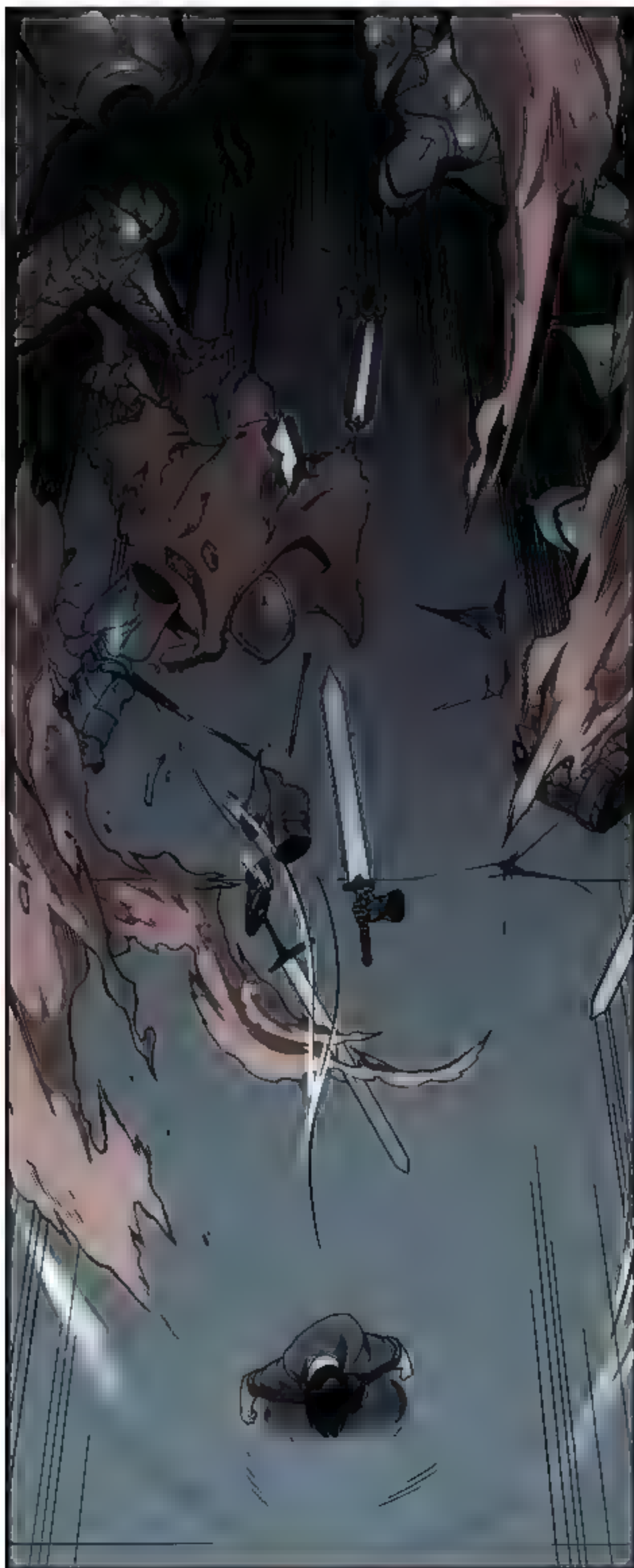


I HAVE TO MINIMIZE
USING SKILLS TO SAVE
MANA, SINCE I HAVEN'T
INVESTED IN THE
INTELLIGENCE STAT.

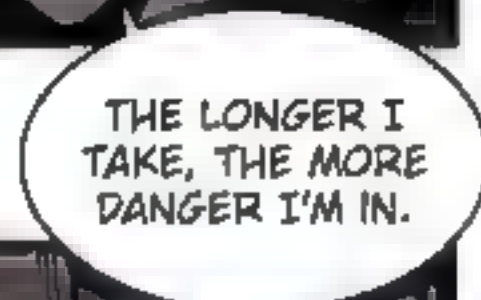
FATIGUE IS
INCREASING. I
NEED TO END
THIS AS SOON
AS I CAN.

[Fatigue: 66]





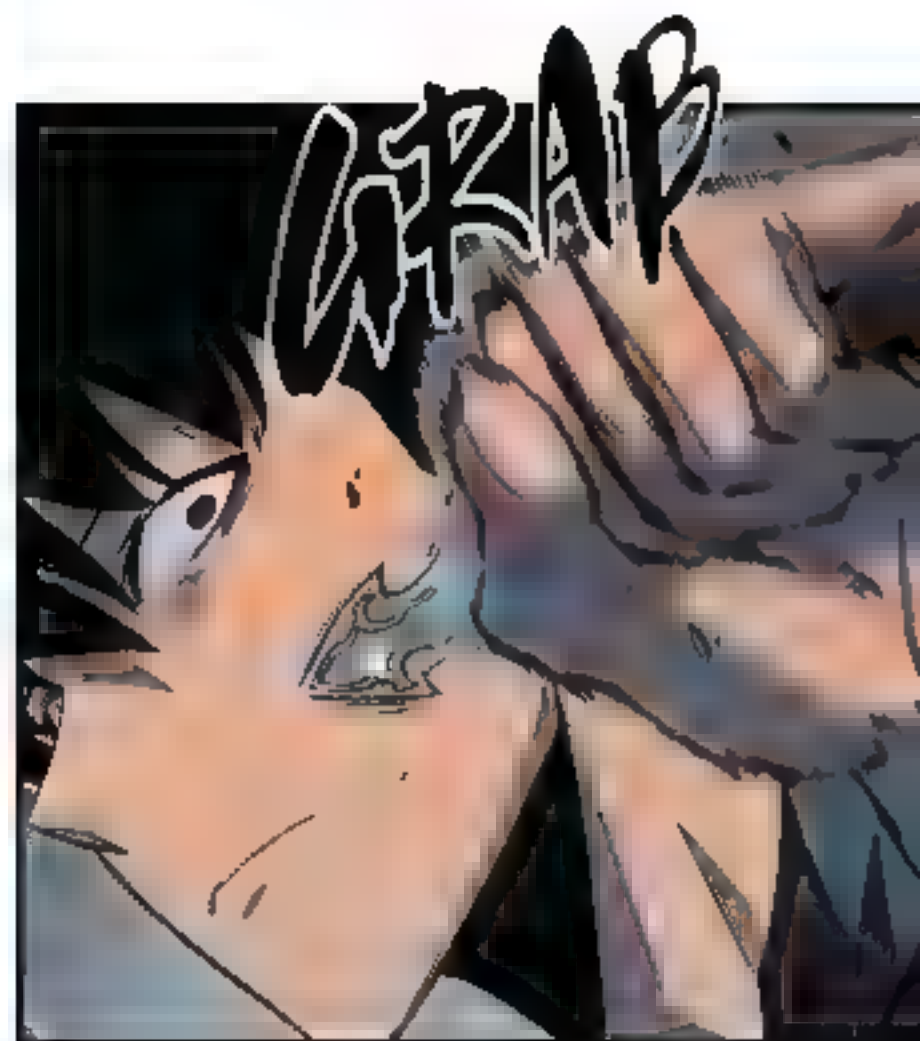
GUESS I
WON'T BE GOING
BACK TODAY TO
DO THE DAILY
QUEST.

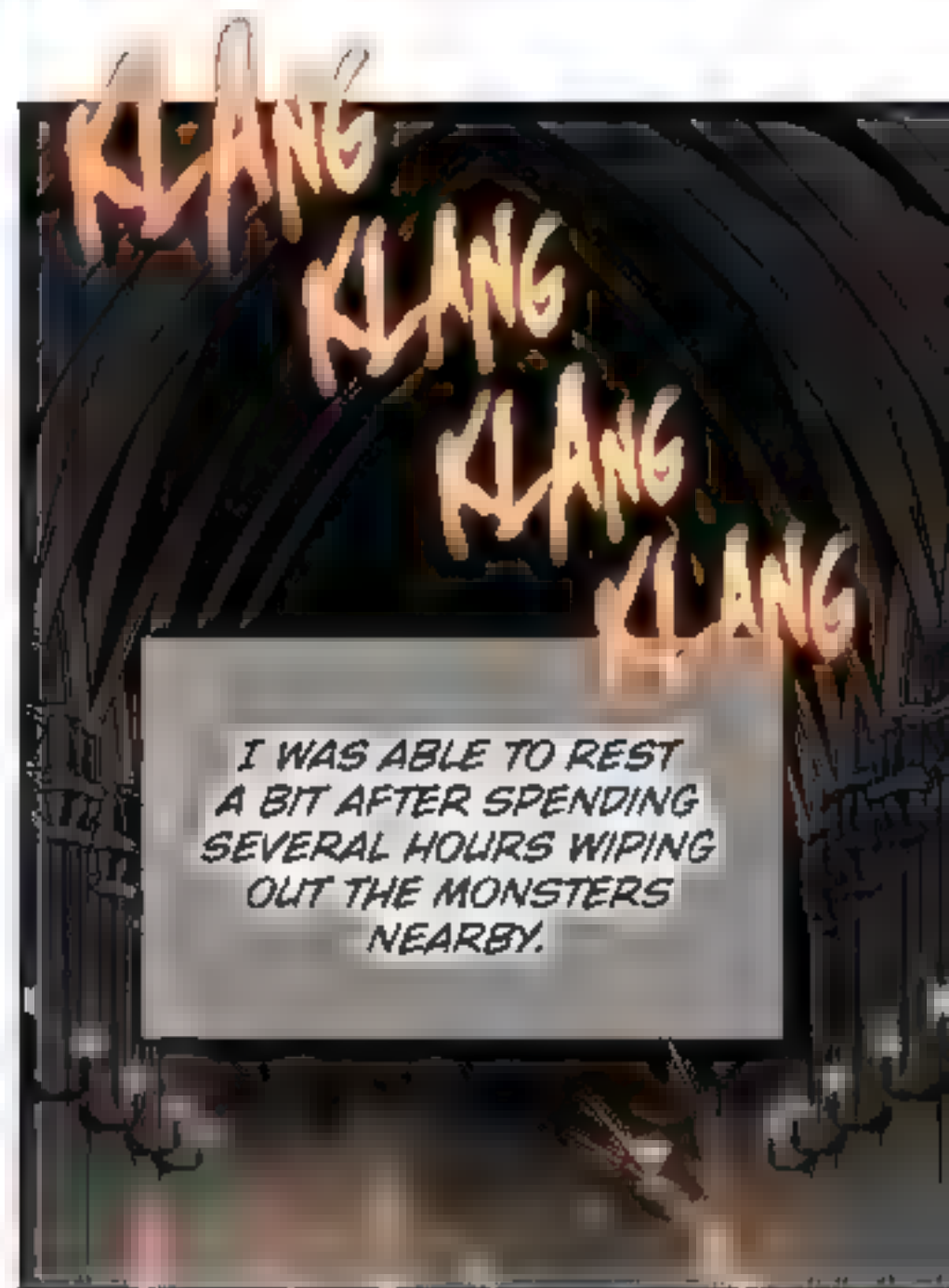


THE LONGER I
TAKE, THE MORE
DANGER I'M IN.



NEED SLEEP TO
RECOVER FROM
FATIGUE...







You have opened
[Item: Leather Pouch].

You have acquired
28,000 gold and a canteen
of lukewarm water.



HWOO...

I'VE
LEVELED UP
QUITE BIT AND
COLLECTED A LOT
OF ITEMS.

SHOULD
I GO TO THE
NEXT STAGE NOW
THAT I'VE
RECOVERED?



Warden's Collar (A)

High-Rank Knight's
Chestplate (B)

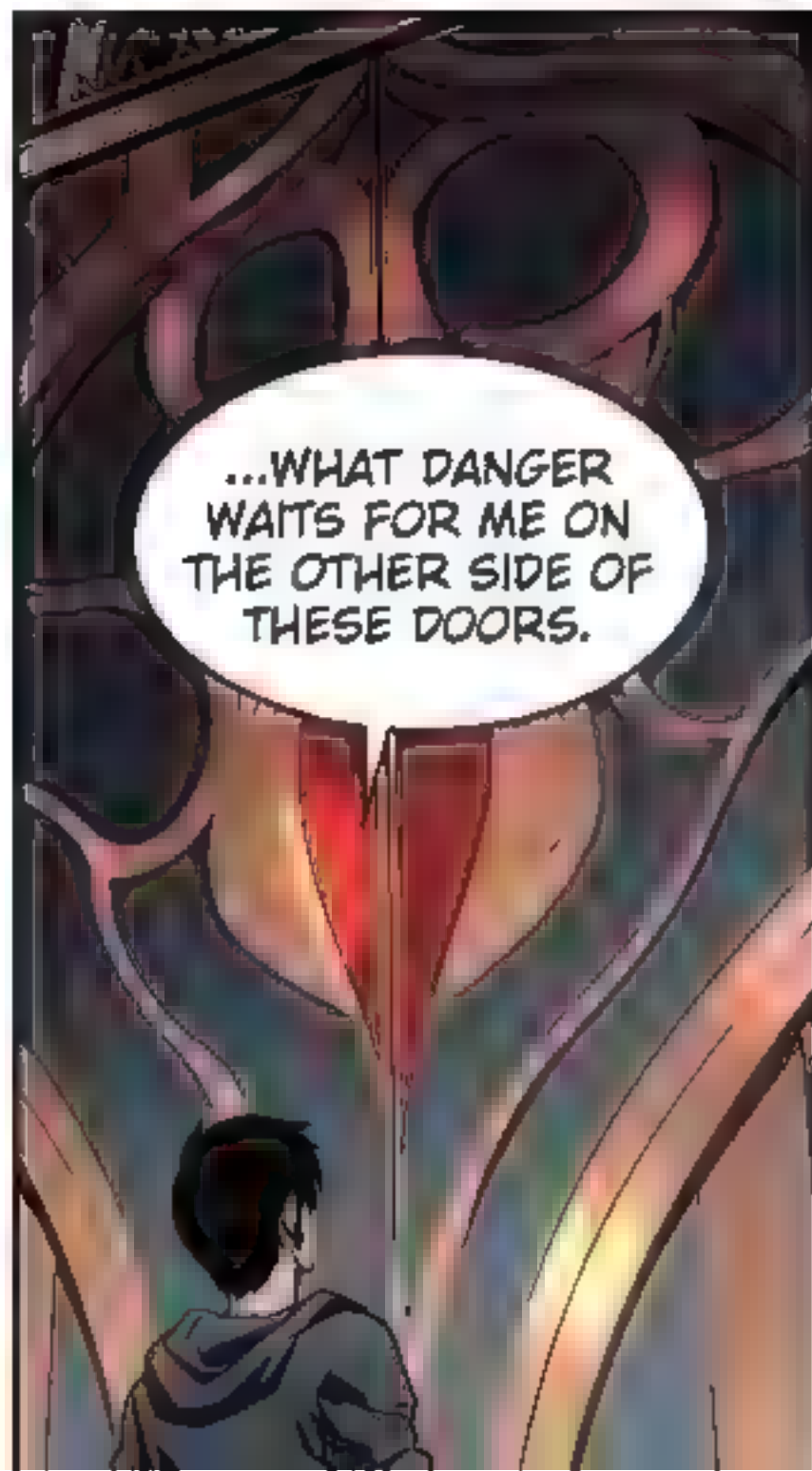
High-Rank Knight's
Gauntlets (B)

High-Rank Mage's Ring (A)

Mid-Rank Assassin's
Boots (B)

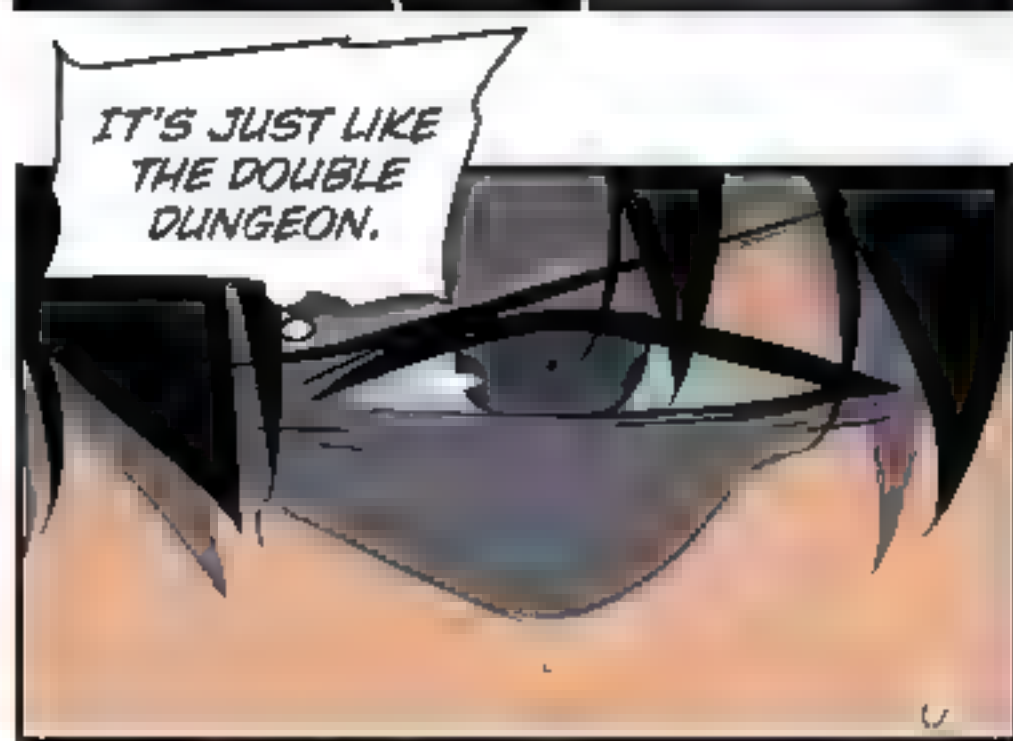
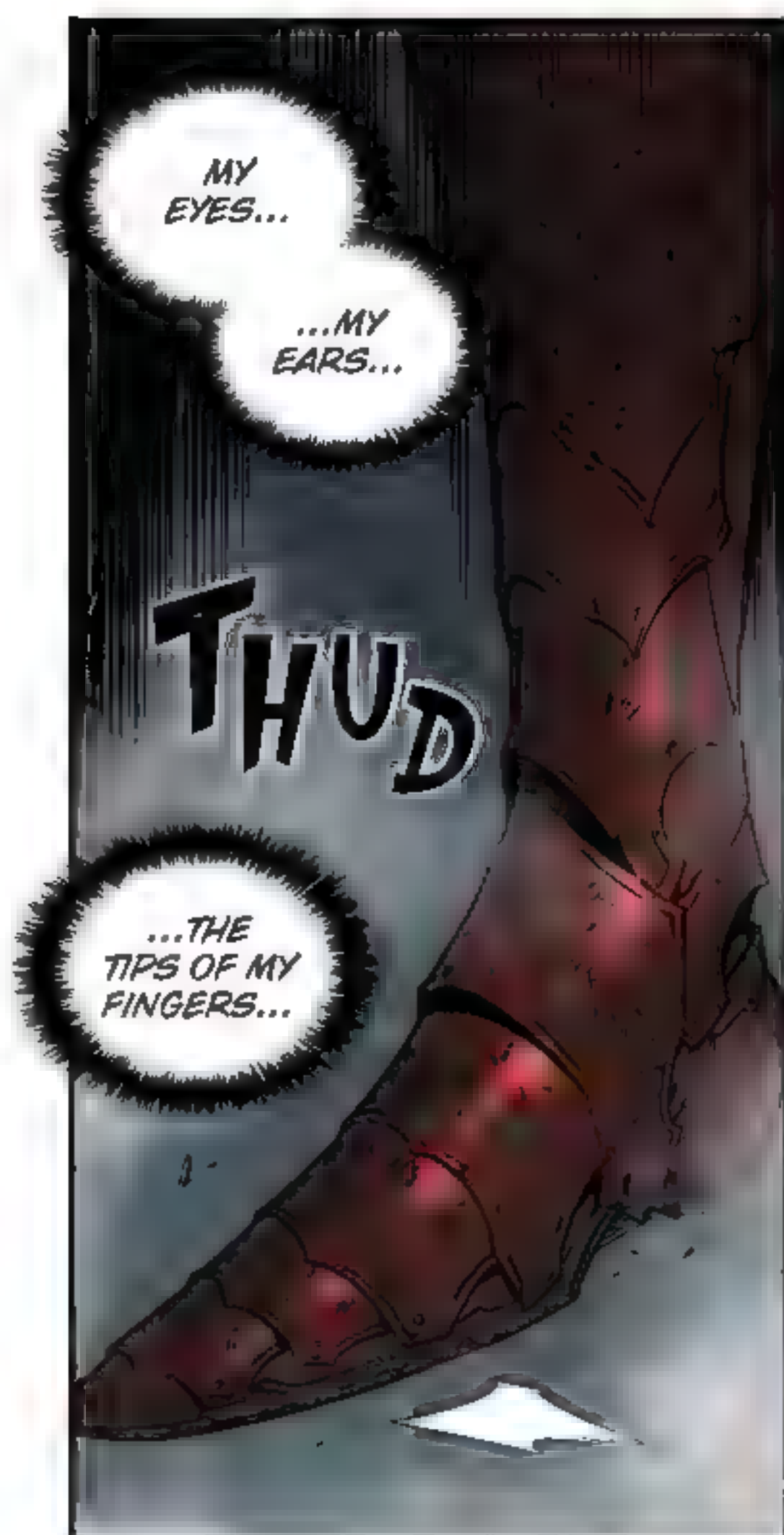
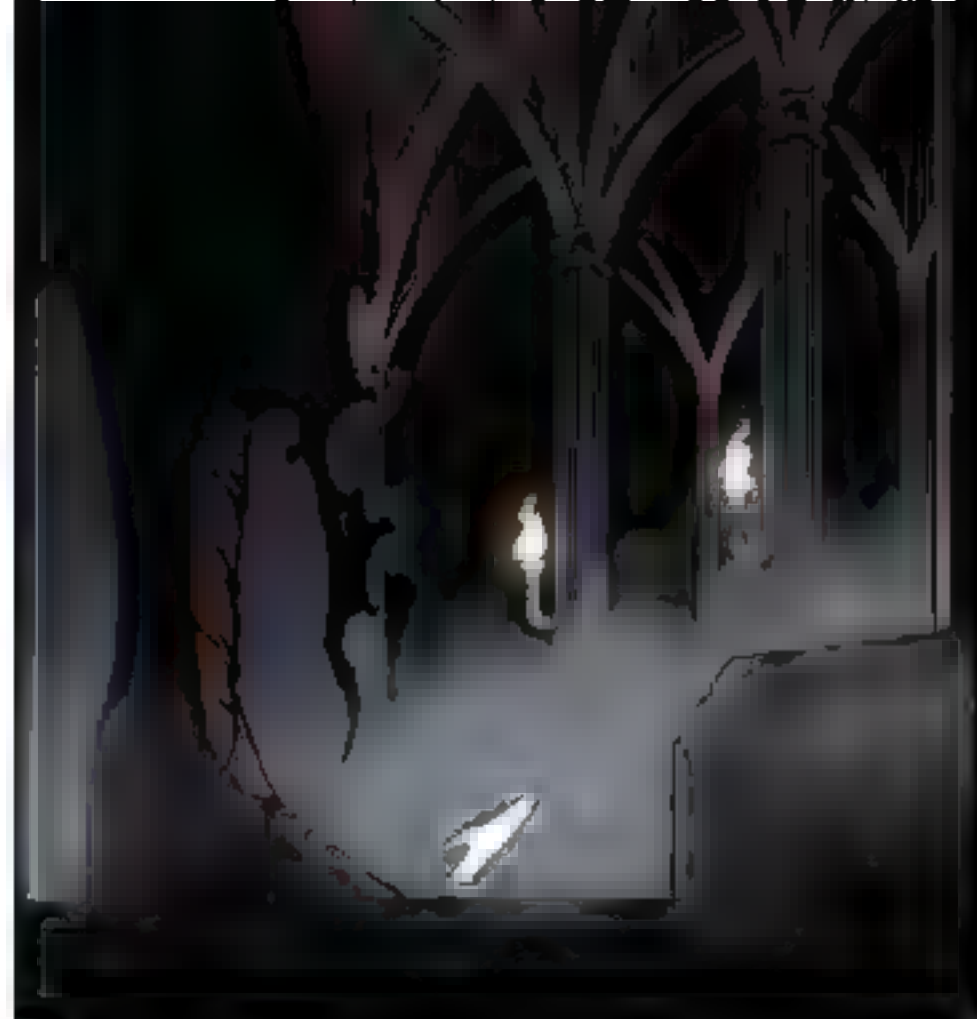
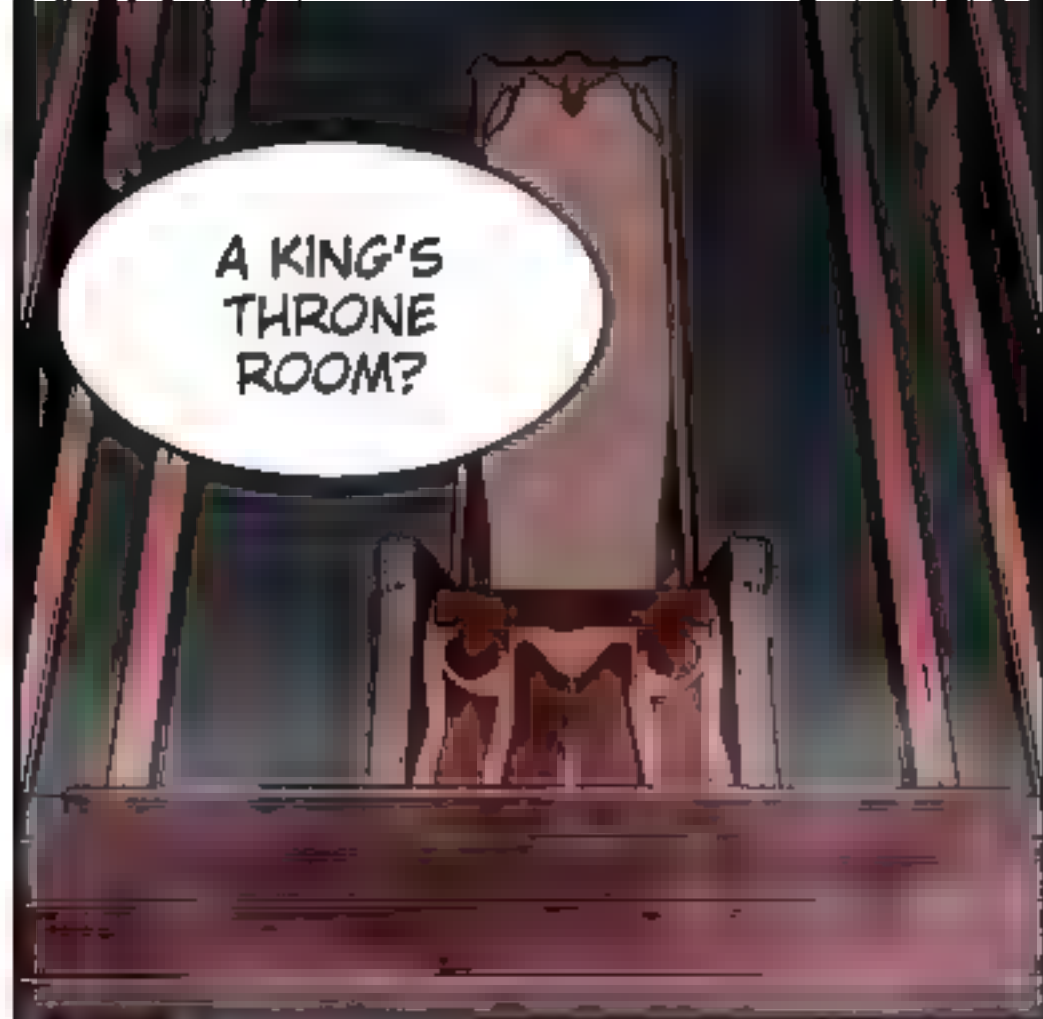


BUT EVEN
THOUGH I'VE
LEVELED UP THIS
MUCH, I STILL
CAN'T TELL...



...WHAT DANGER
WAITS FOR ME ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF
THESE DOORS.





THIS COLD
ENERGY..

IS THIS THE
POWERFUL ENERGY I
SENSED EARLIER...?

NAME: Jinwoo Sung

LEVEL: 45

JOB: None

FATIGUE: 43

TITLE: Wolf Assassin

HP: 4511 / 8330

MP: 660 / 790

THUD

FLAP

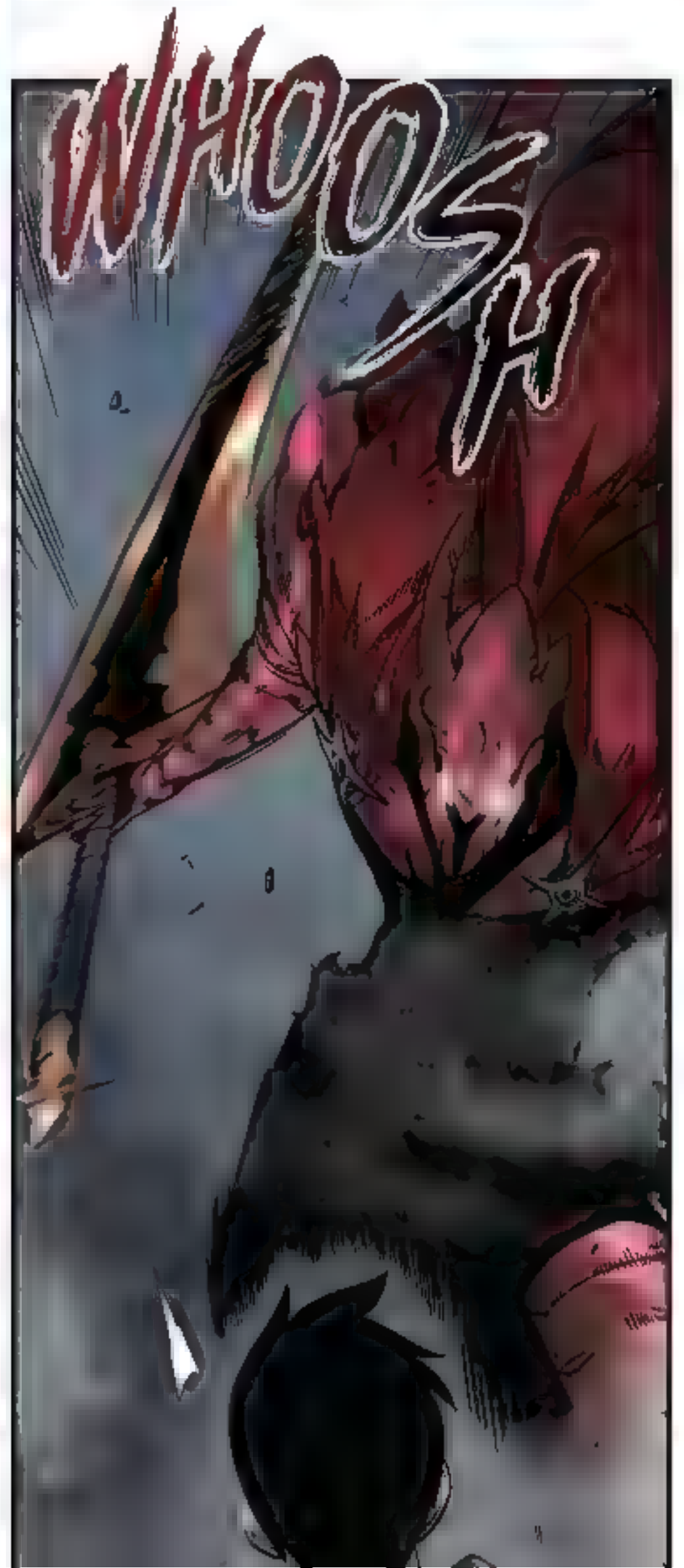
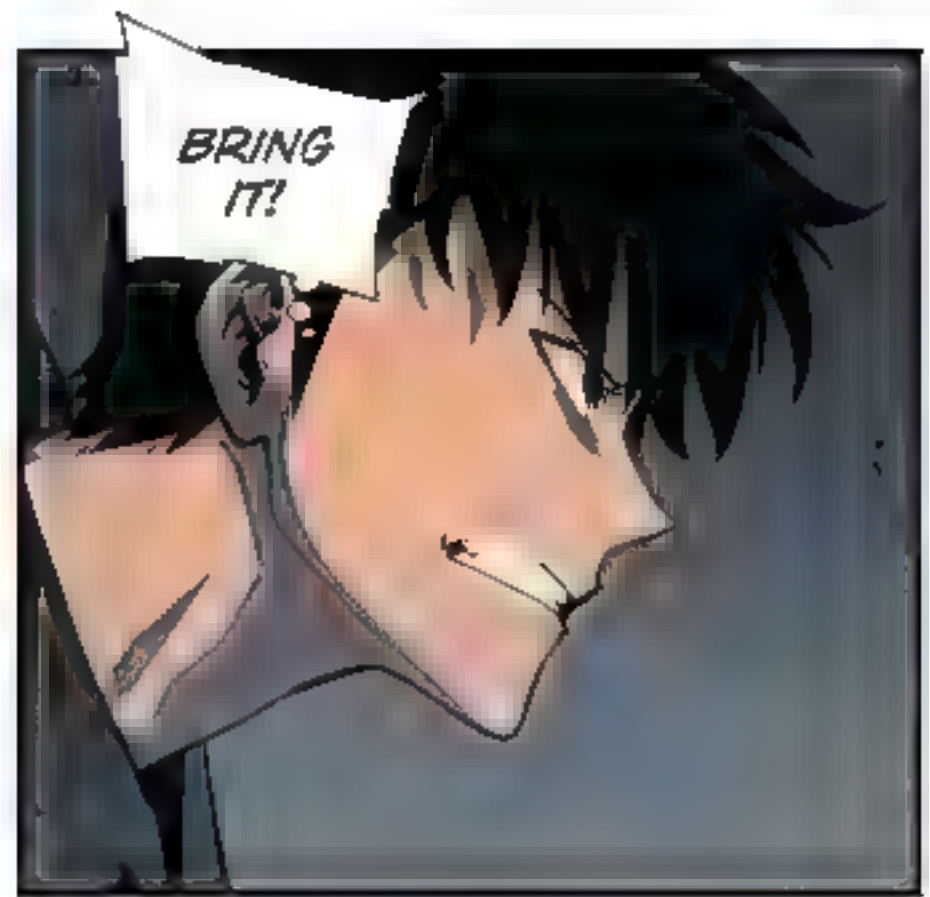
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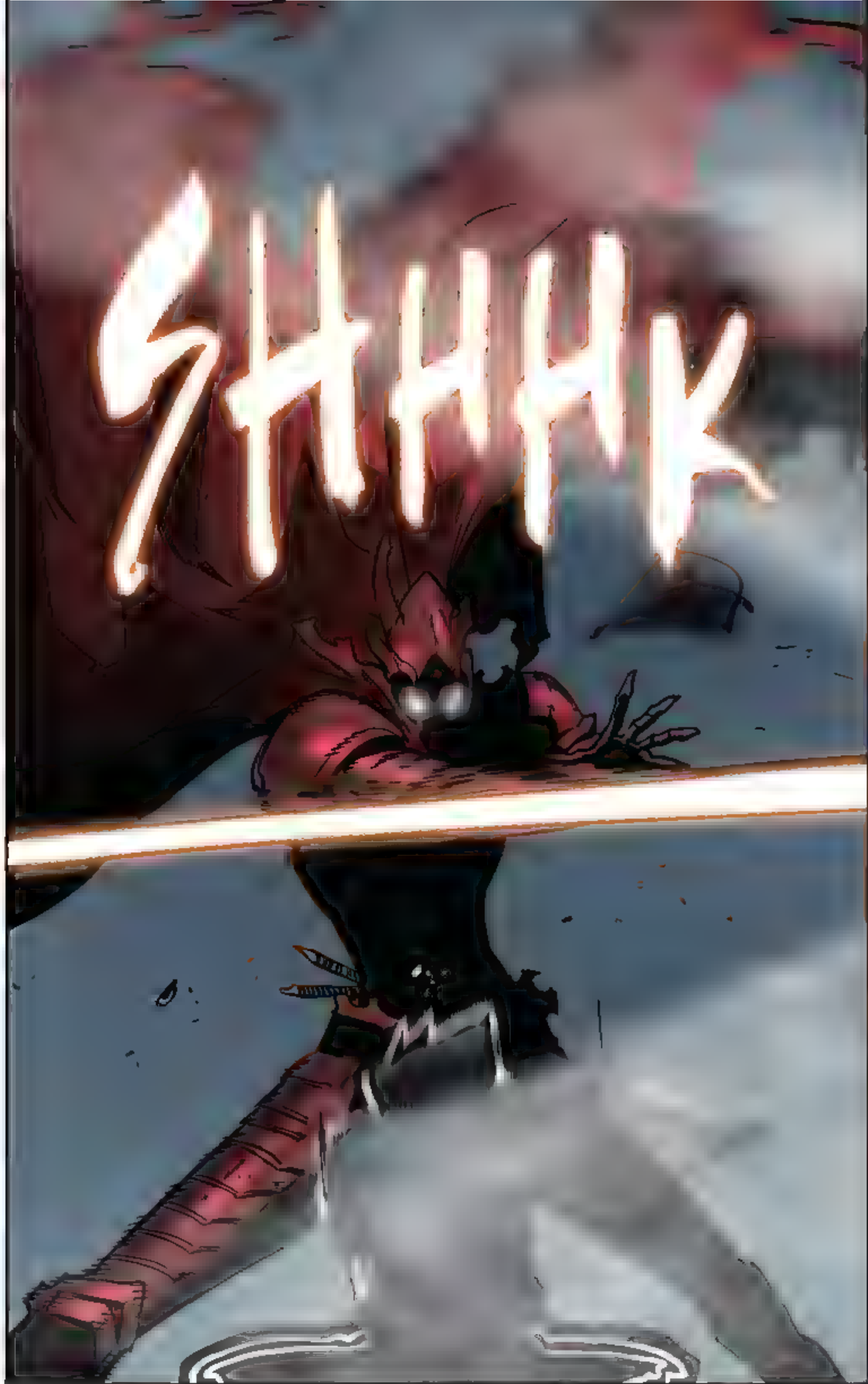
[KNIGHT COMMANDER
IS THE BLOODRED]

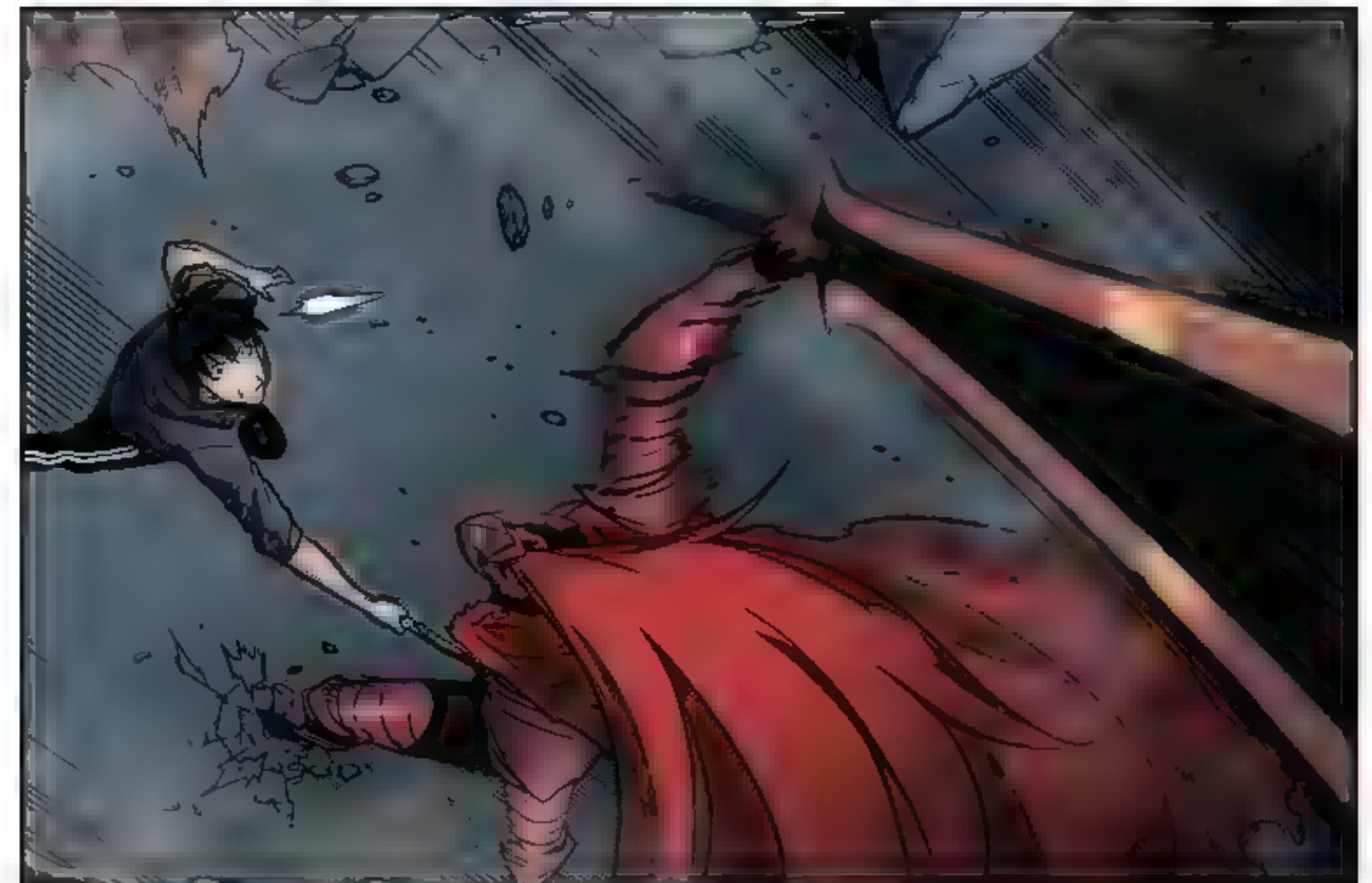
THE NAME'S
RED AND
BLACK!

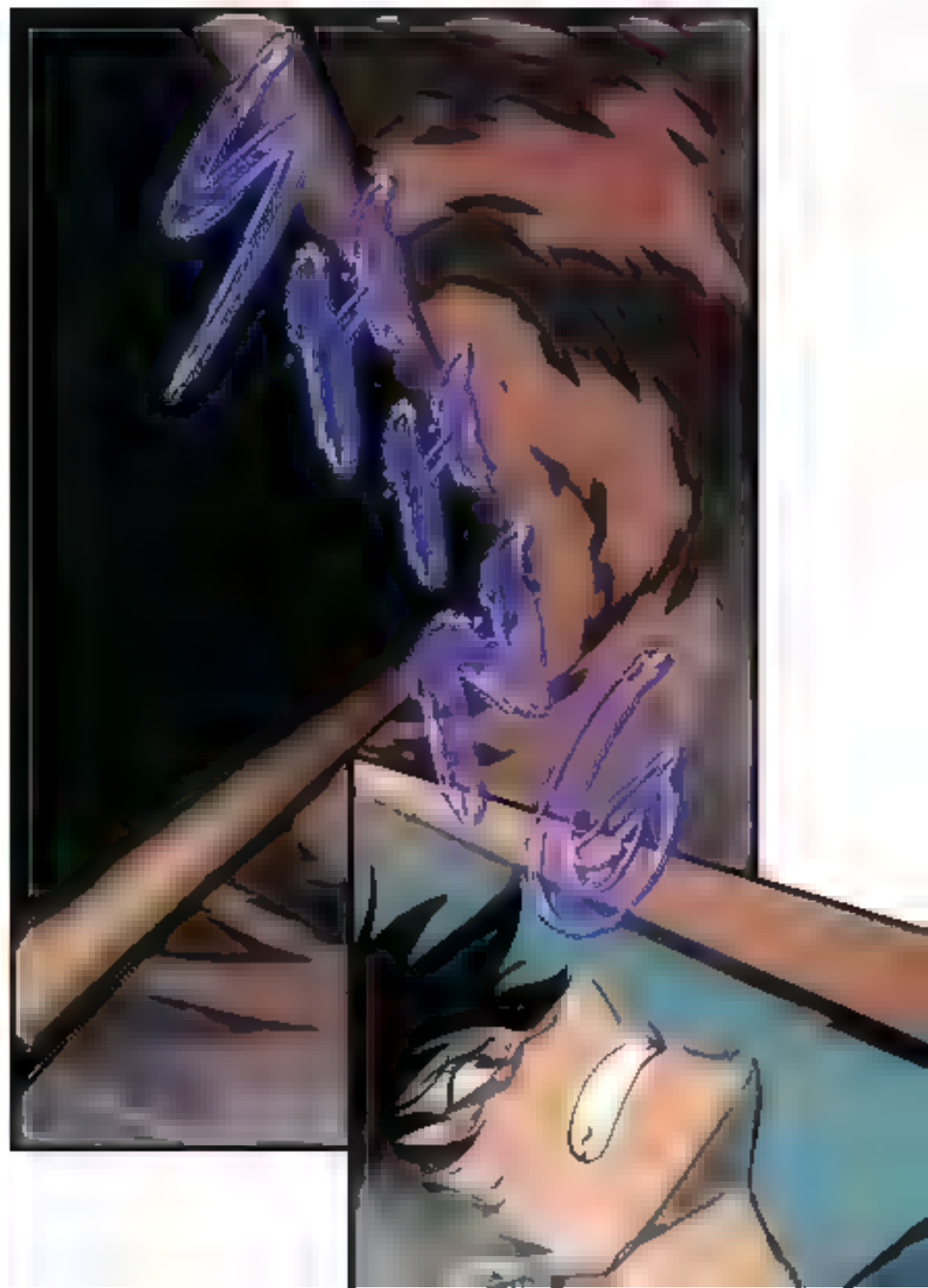
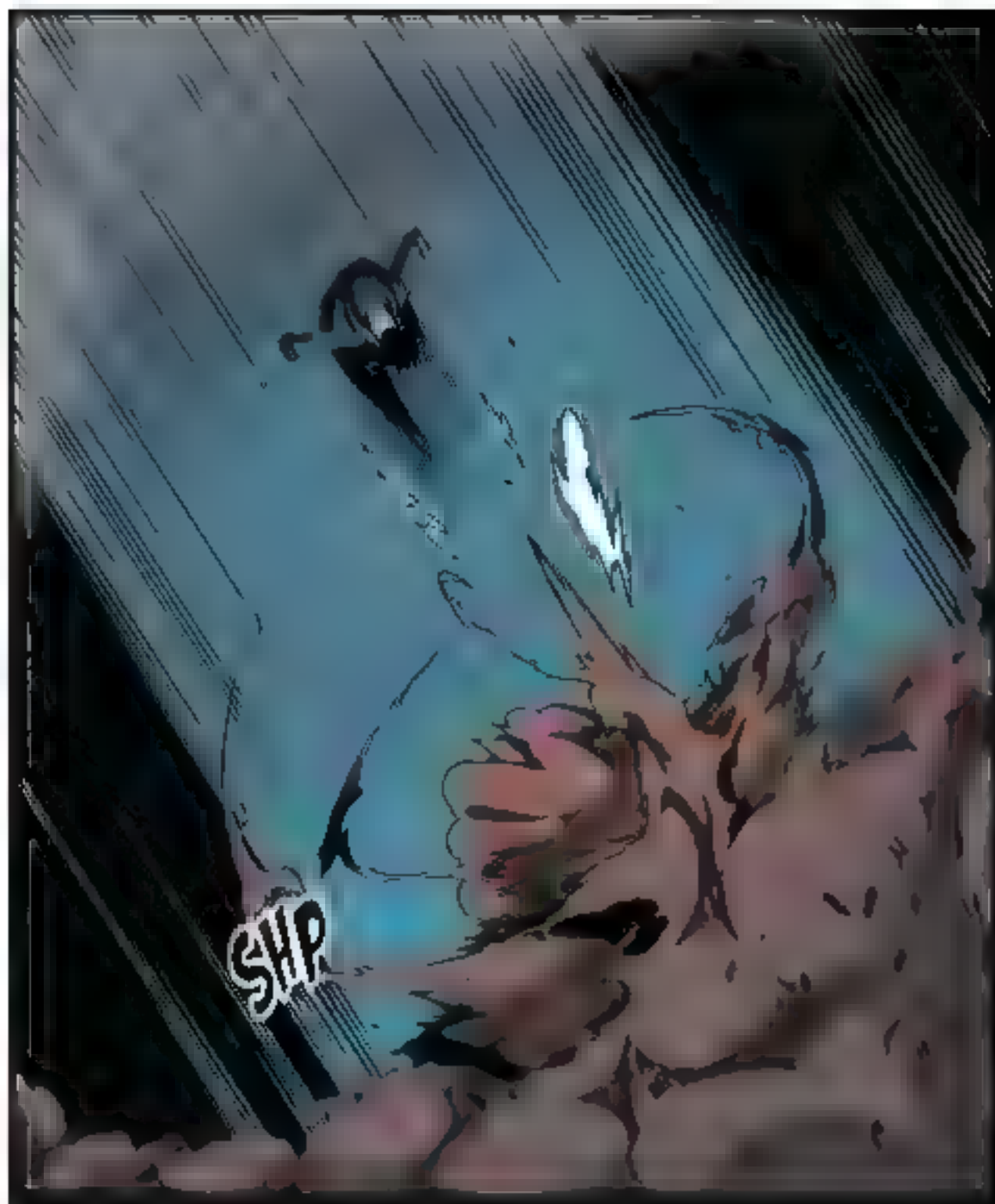
IT'S DEFINITELY
DIFFERENT FROM
THE OTHERS.

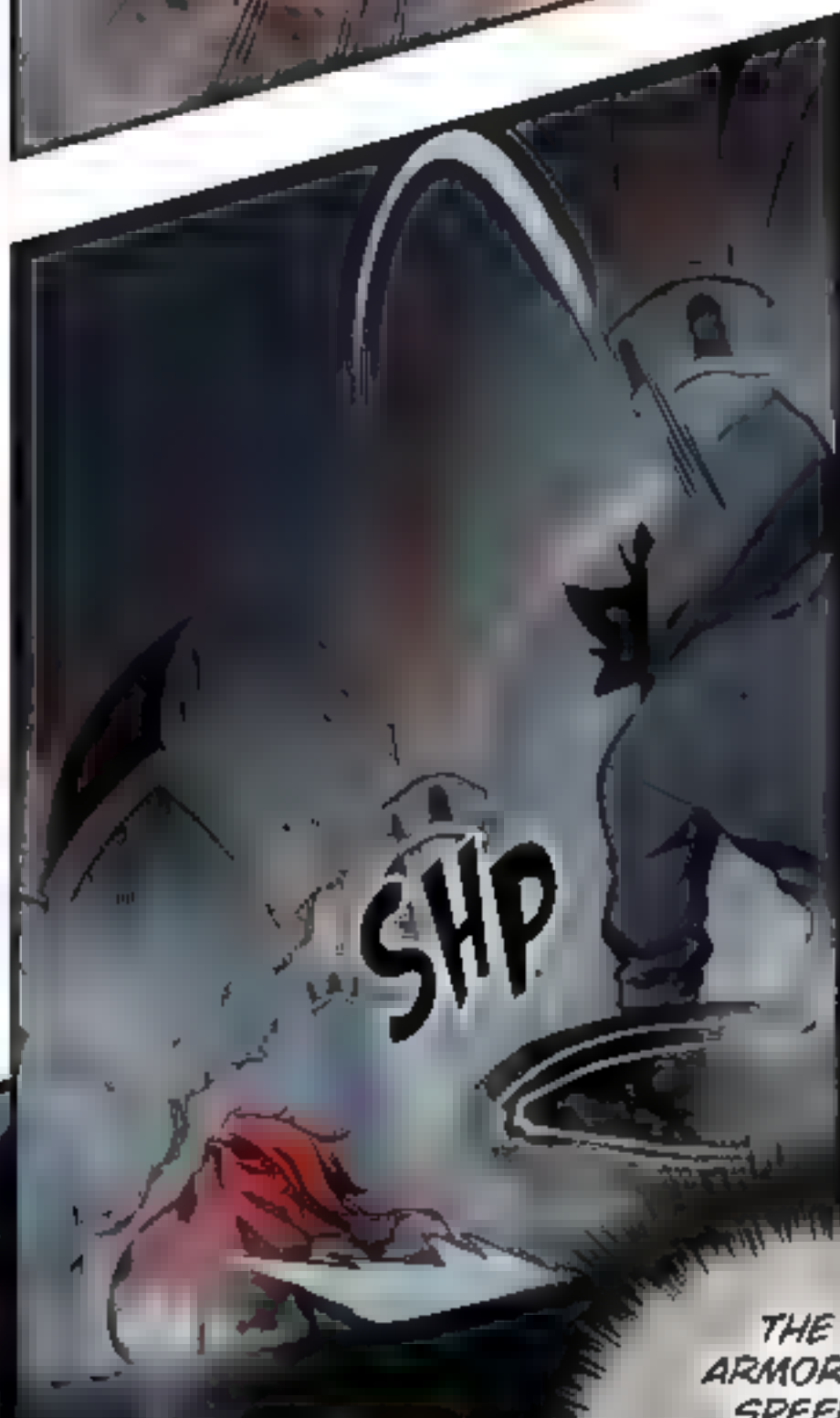
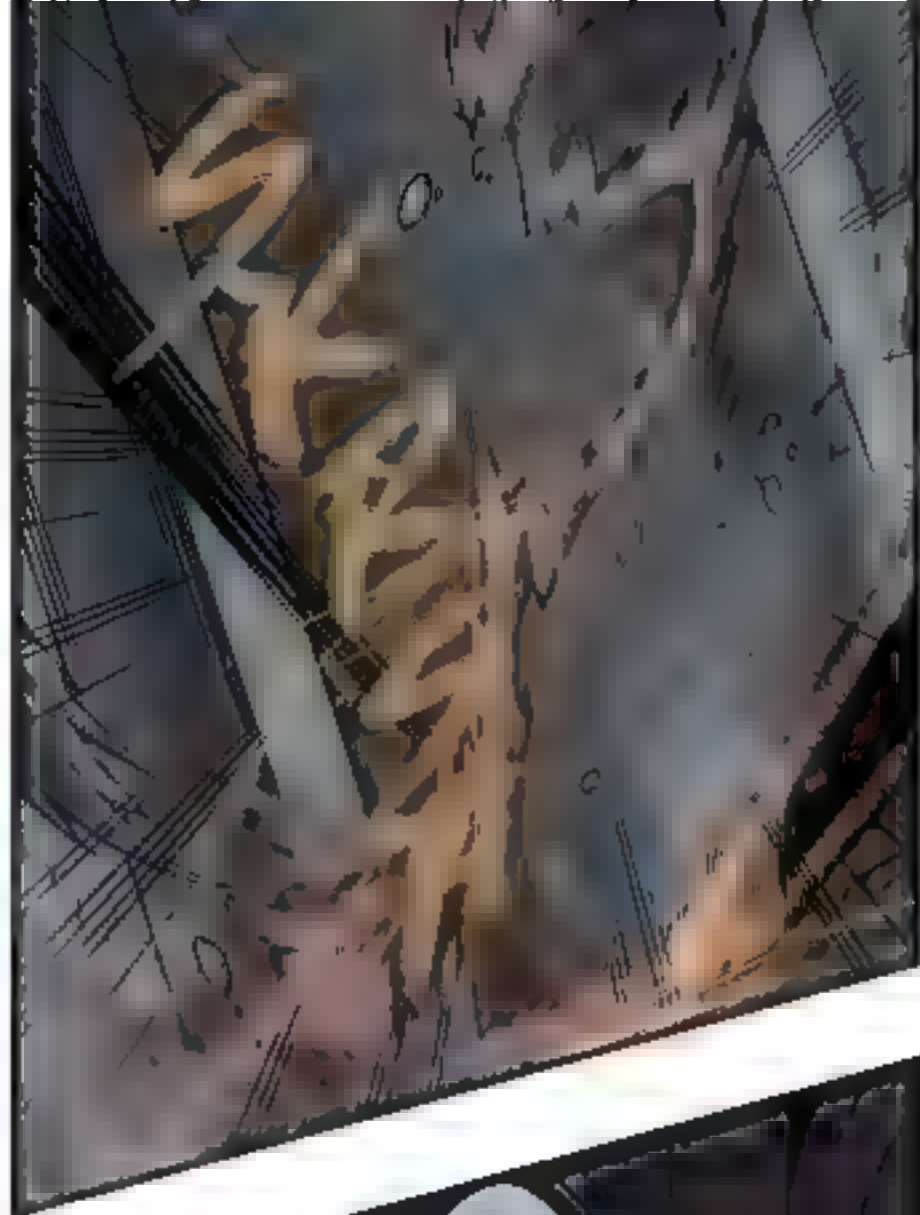
A KNIGHT WHO
DEFENDS AN EMPTY
THRONE.



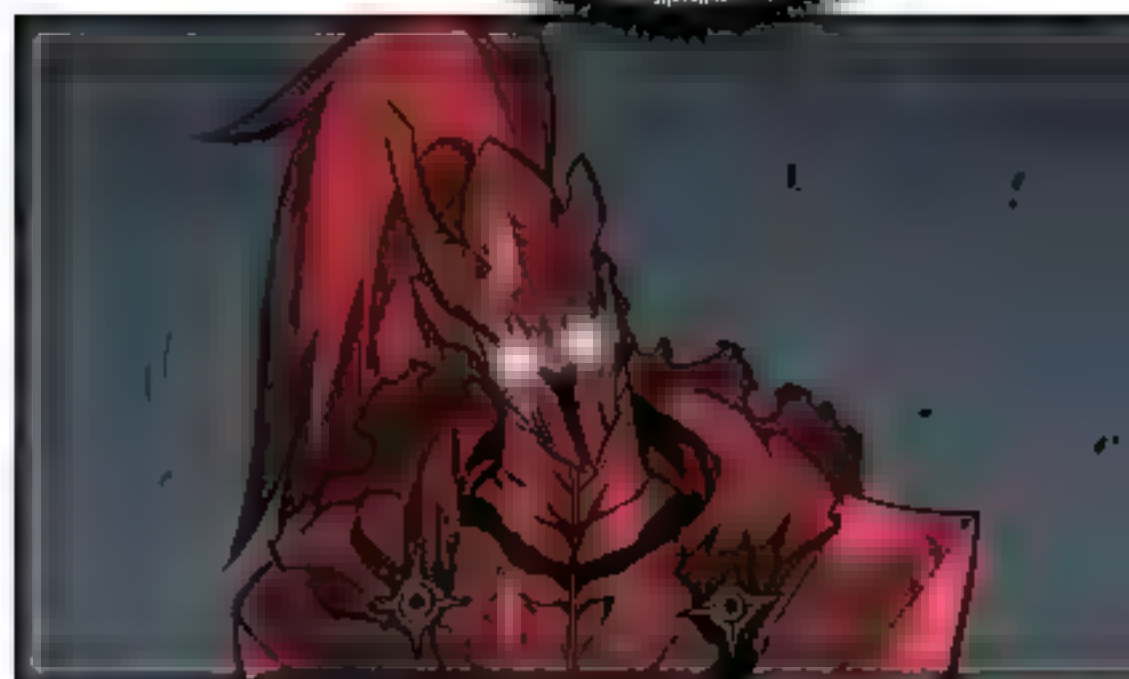
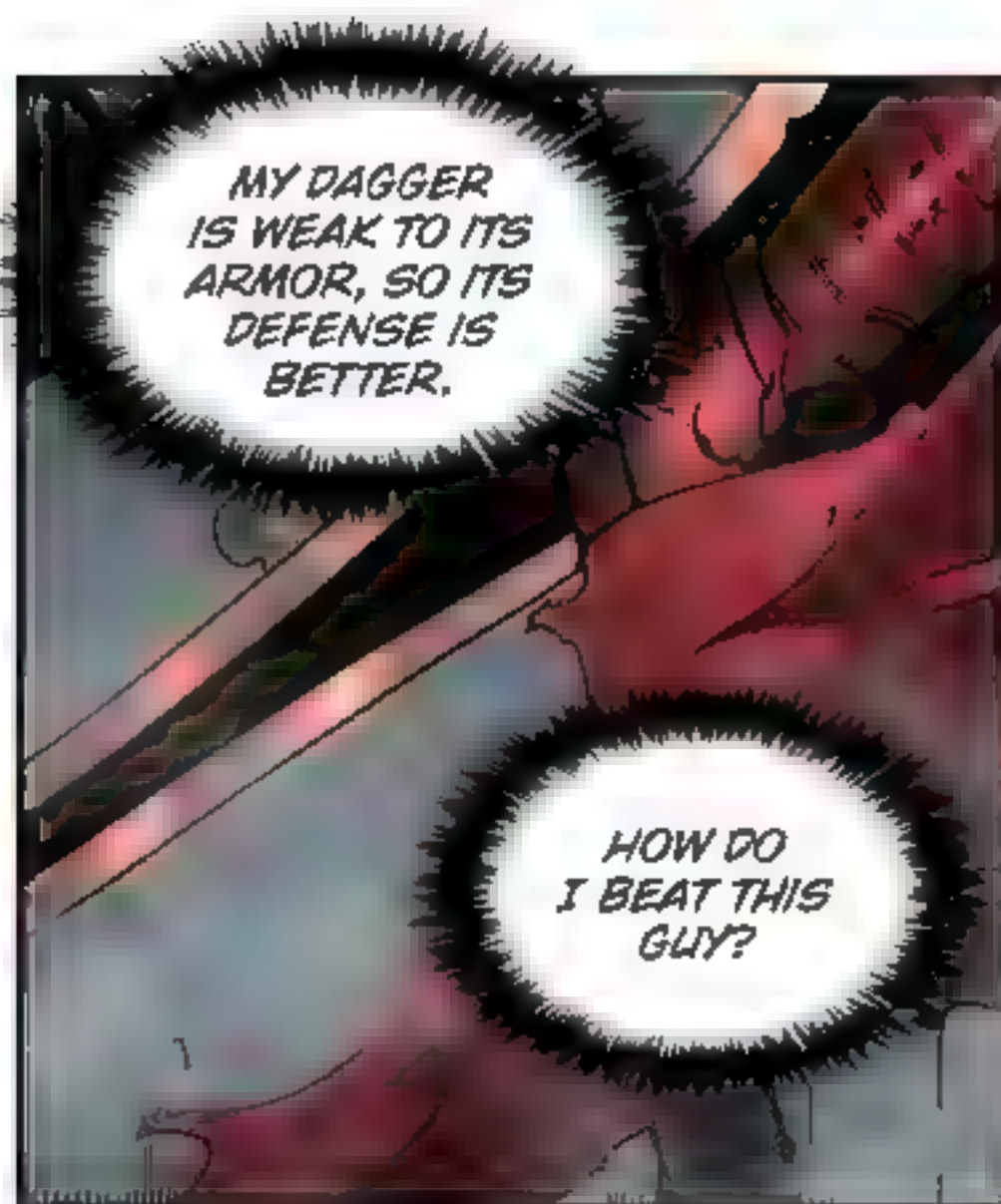
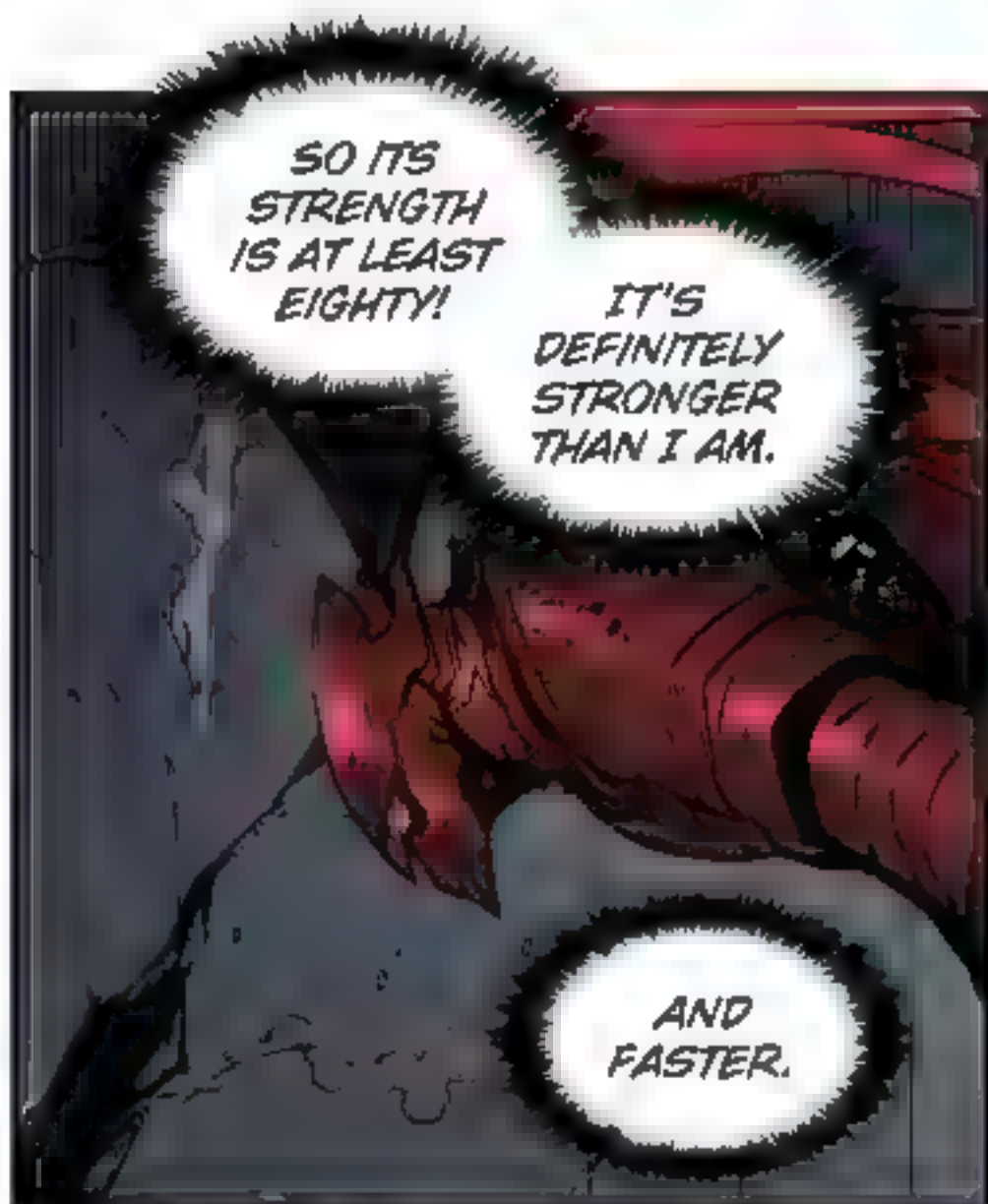


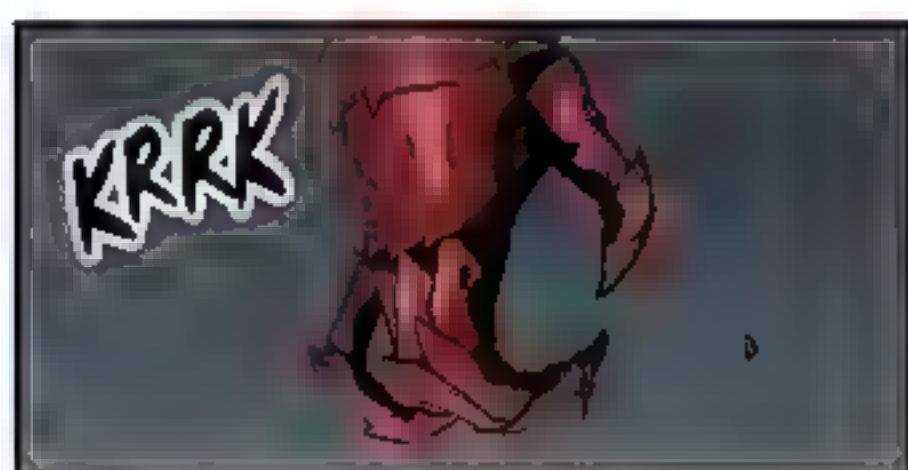
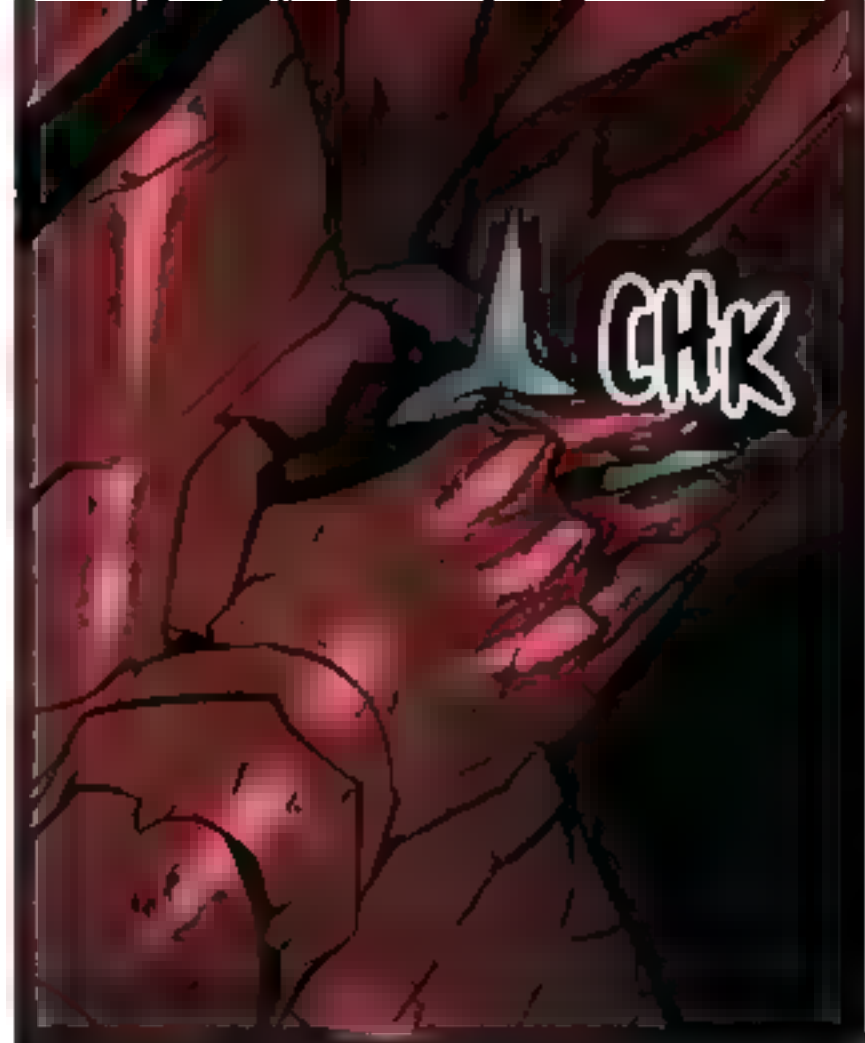
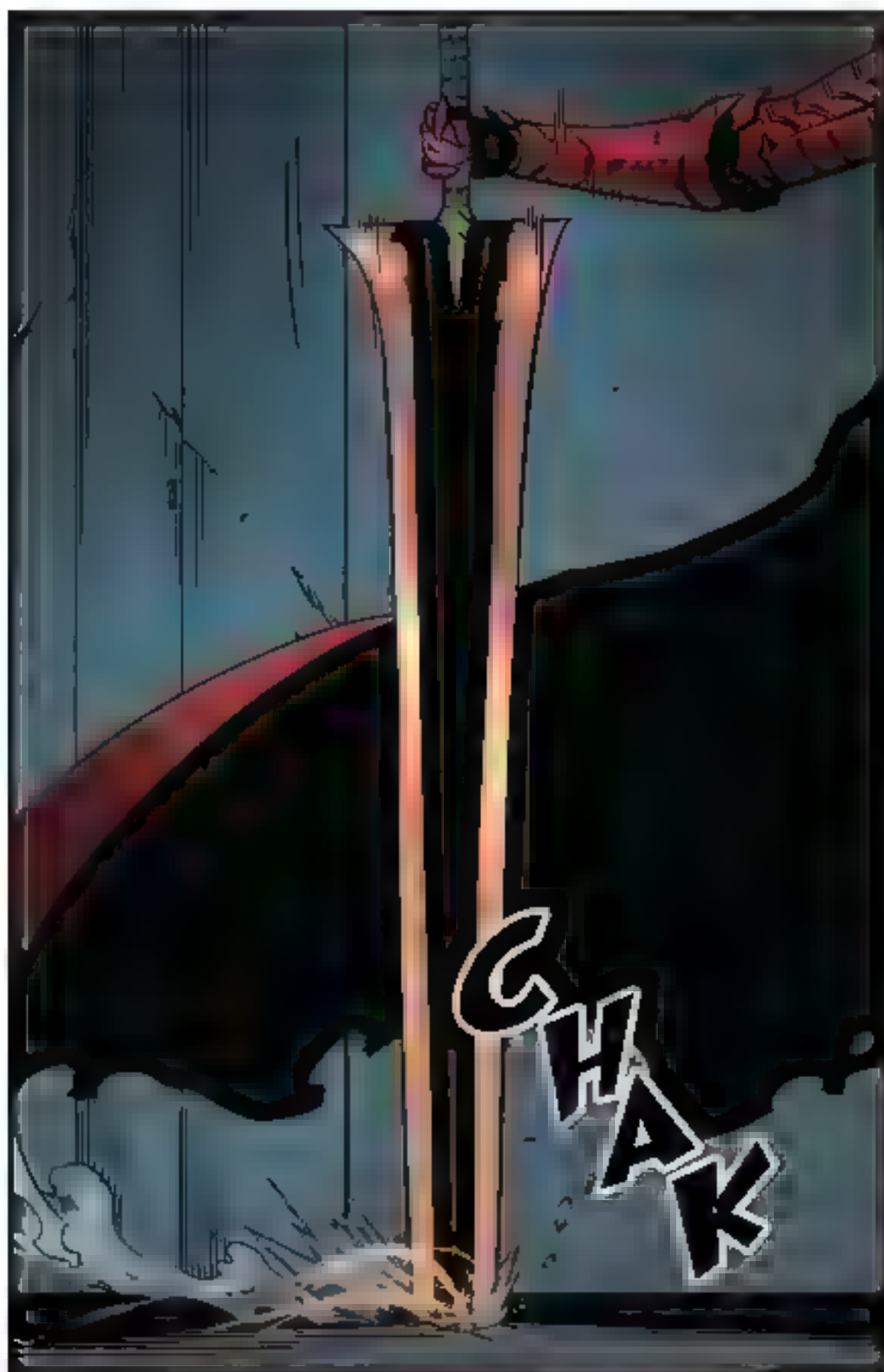


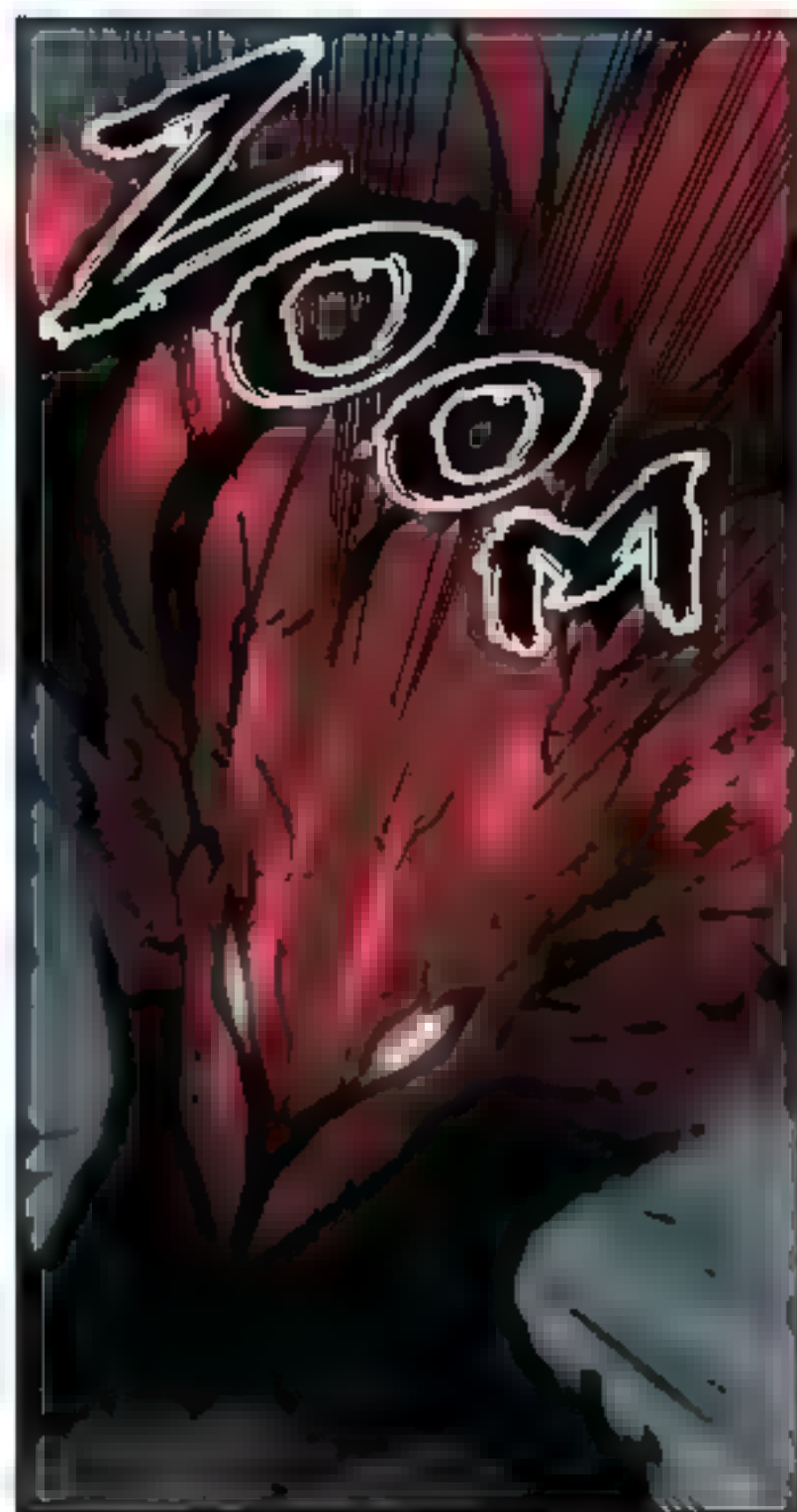
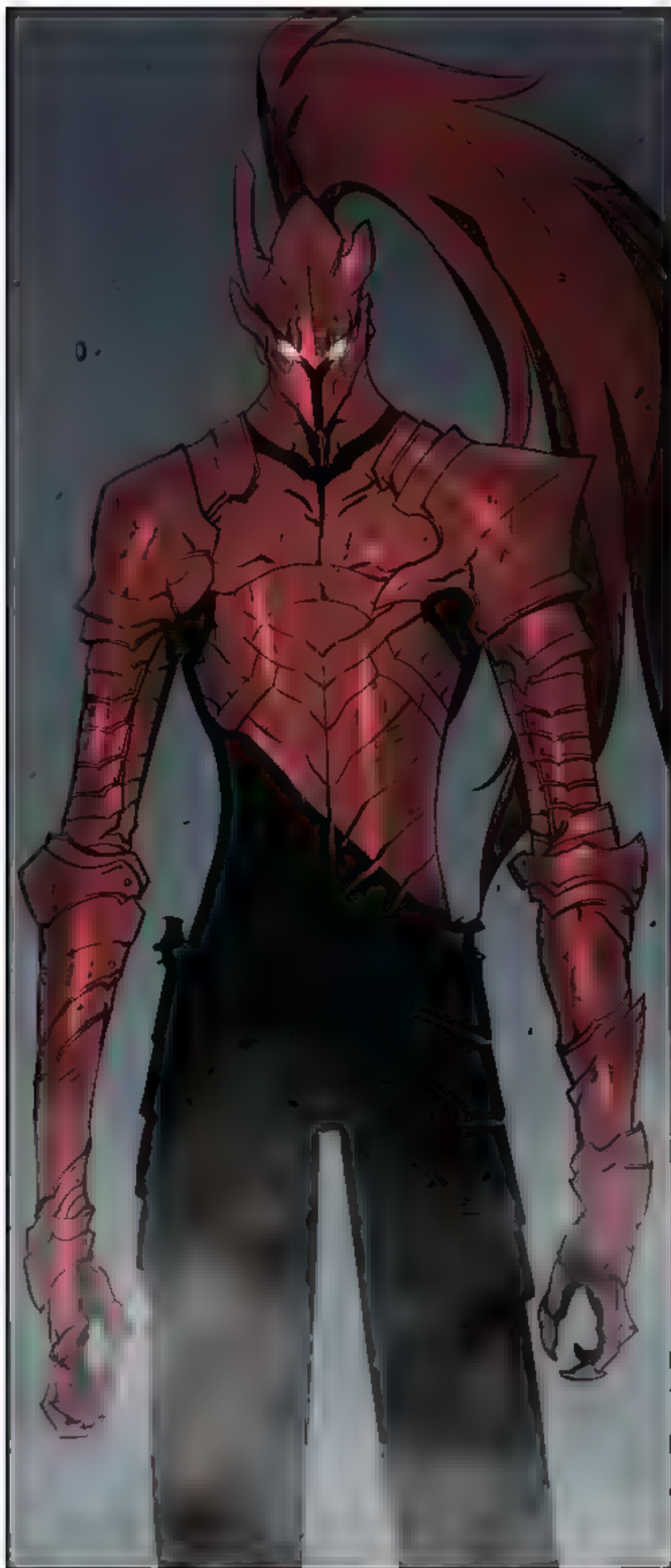


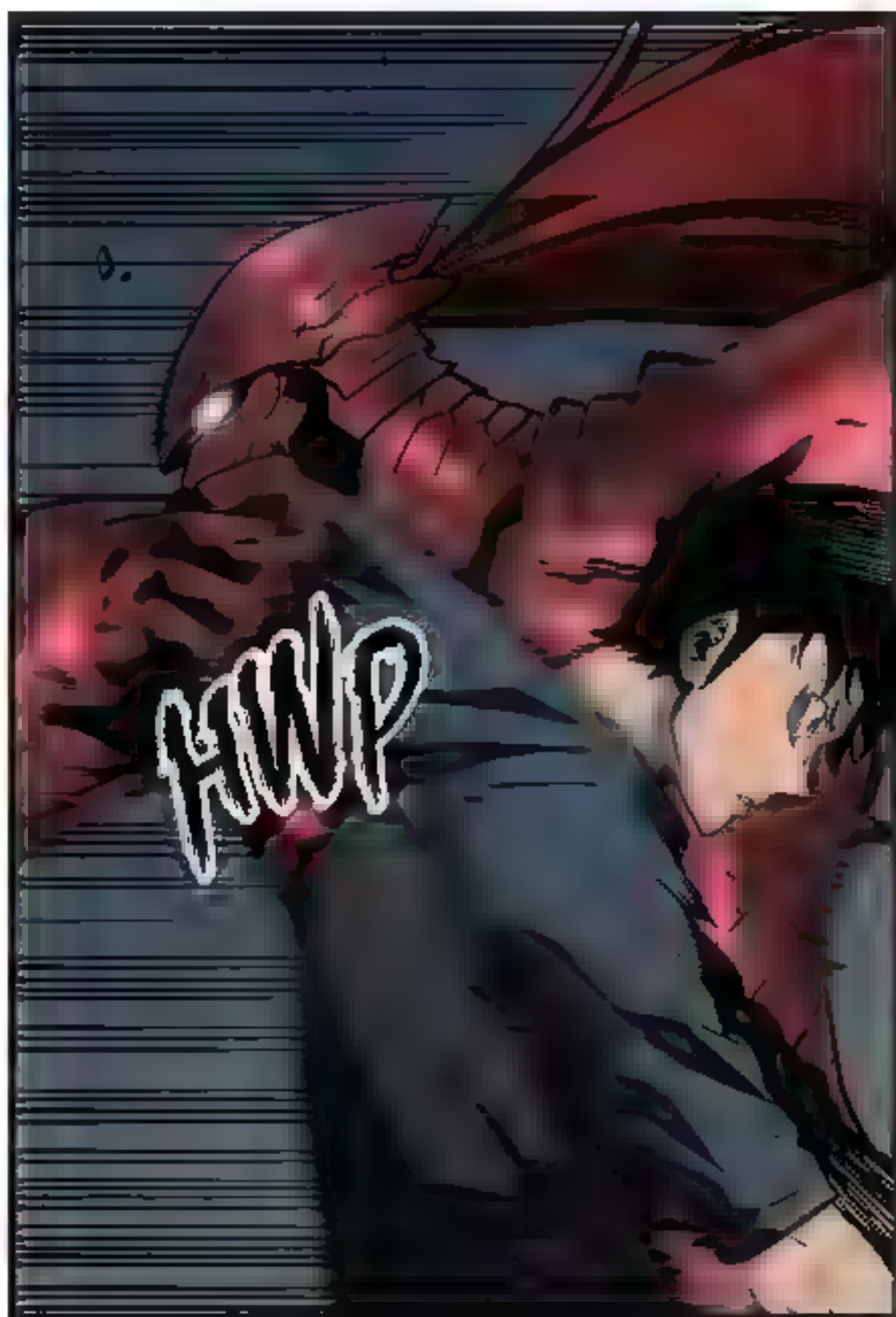
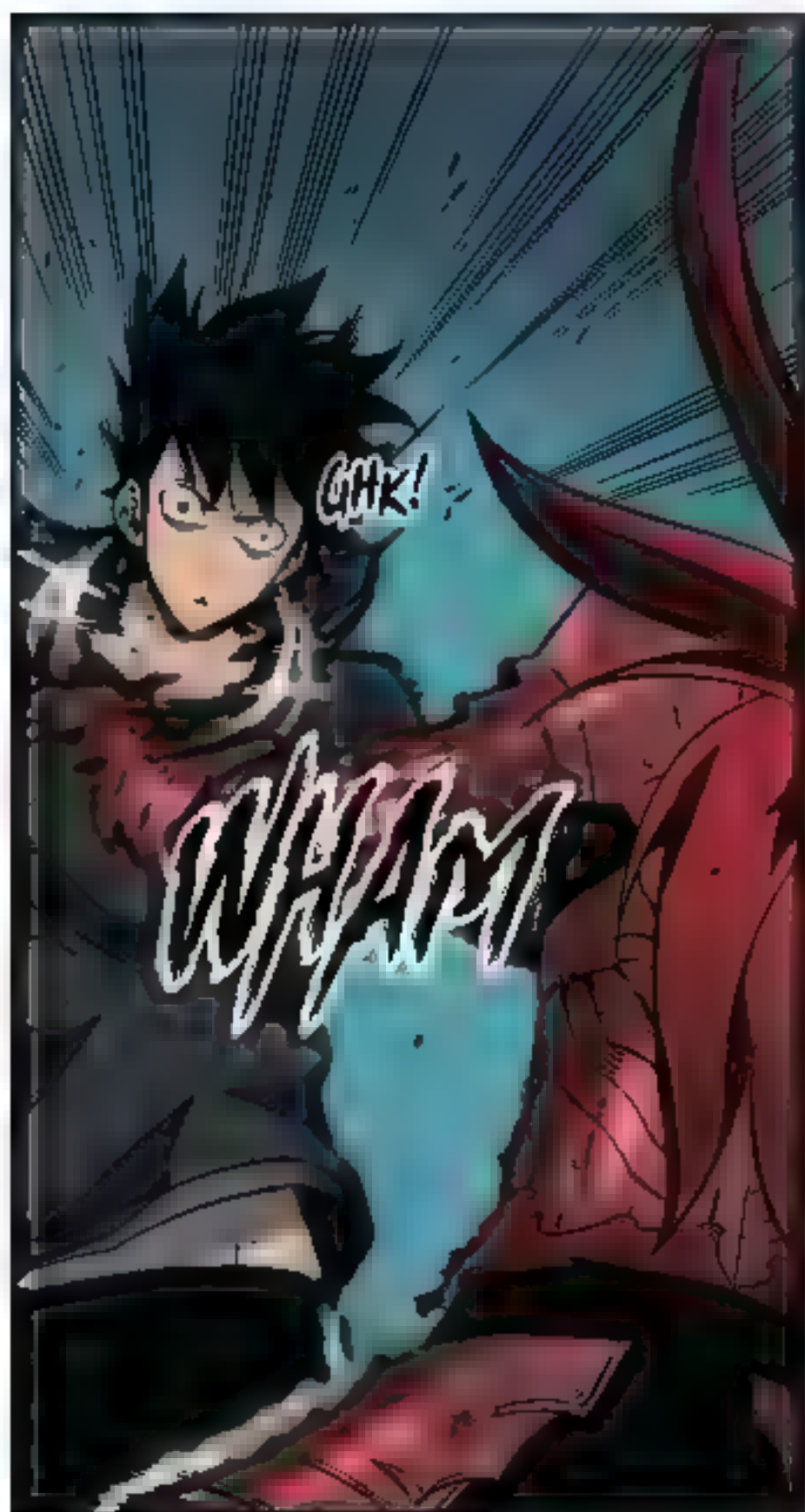


THE
ARMOR'S
SPEED
DEBUFF ONLY
WORKS IF THE
STRENGTH
STAT IS
BELOW
EIGHTY.

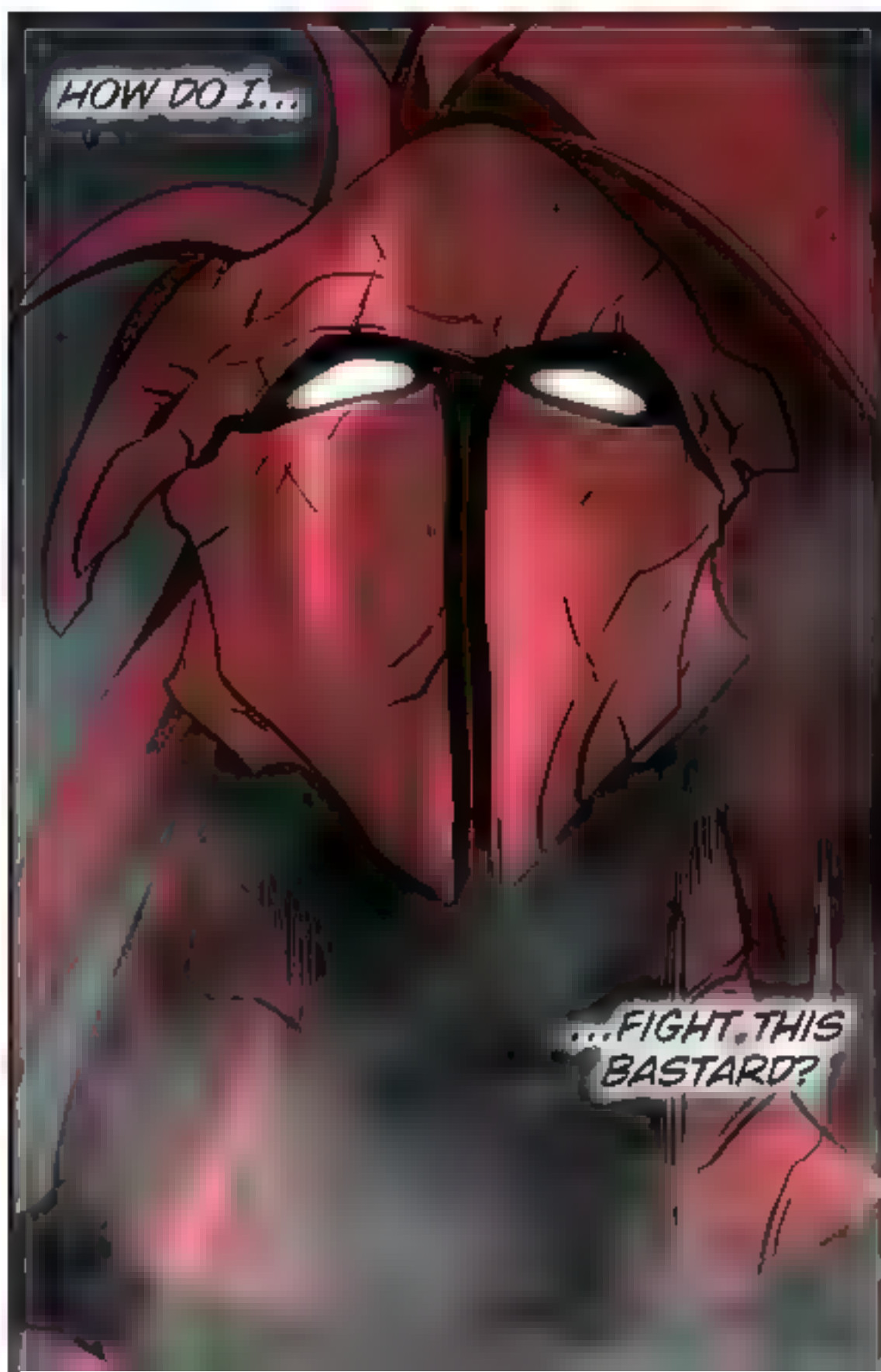
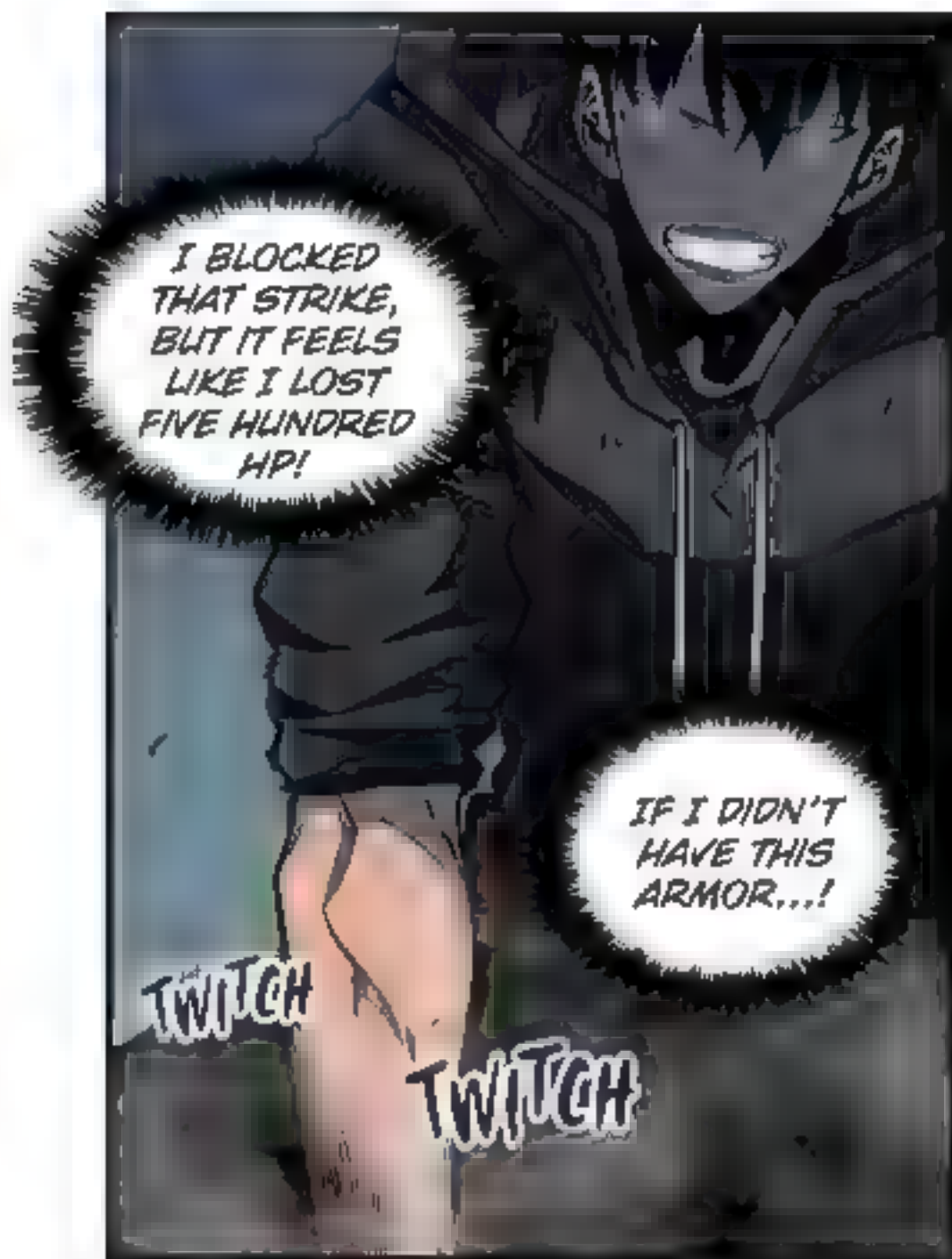


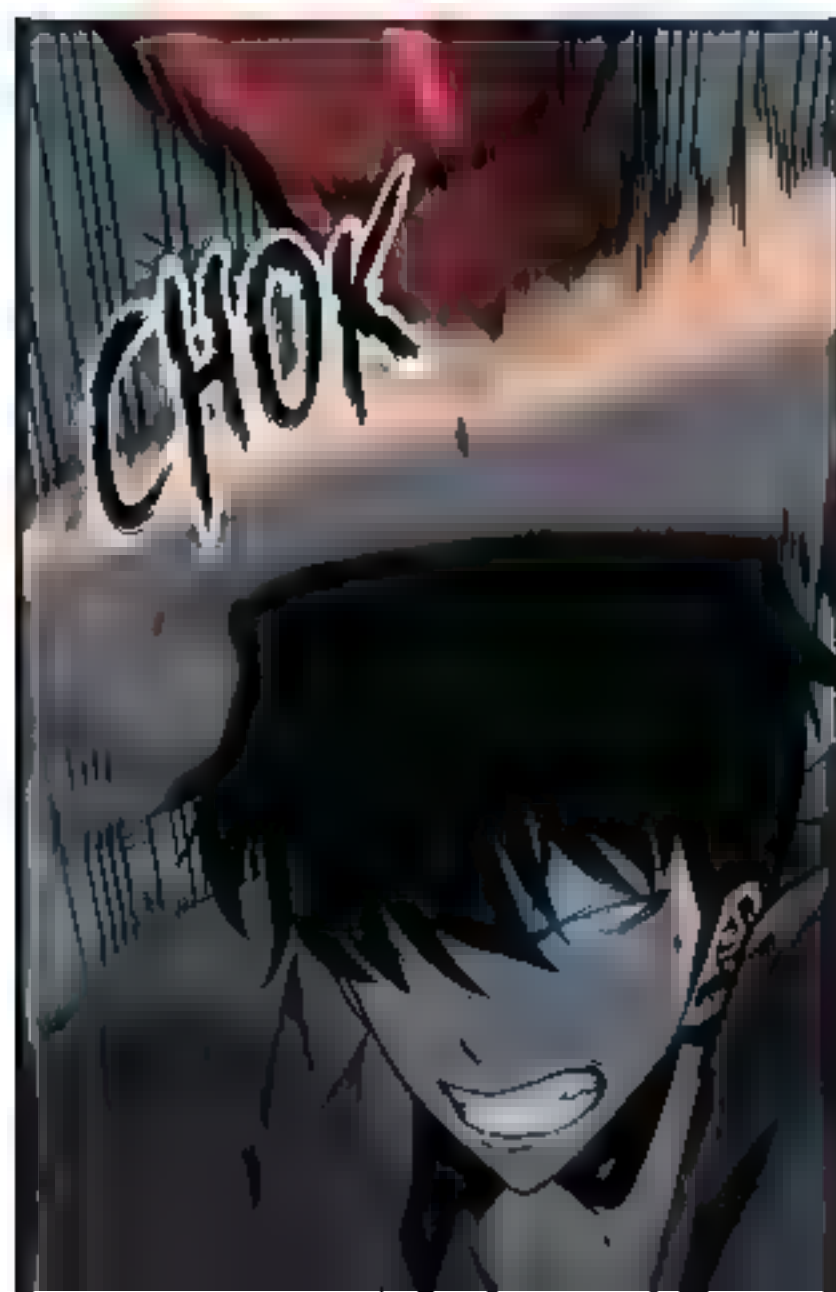
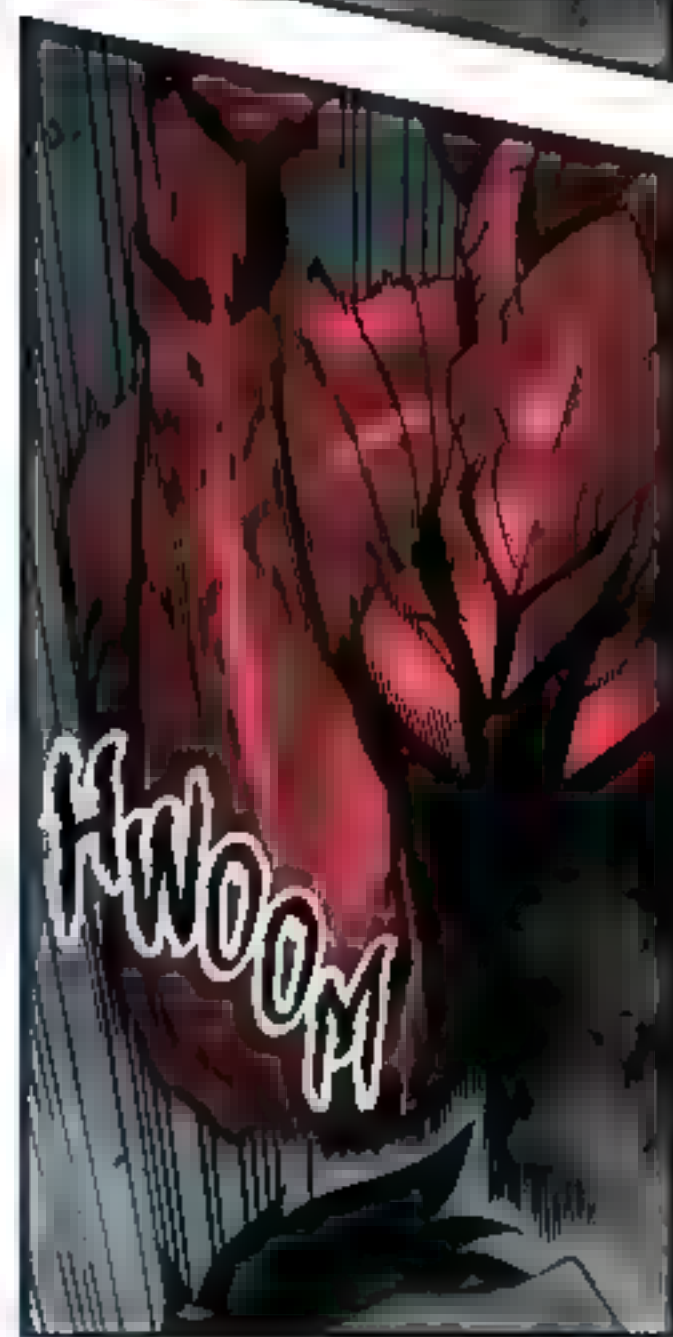
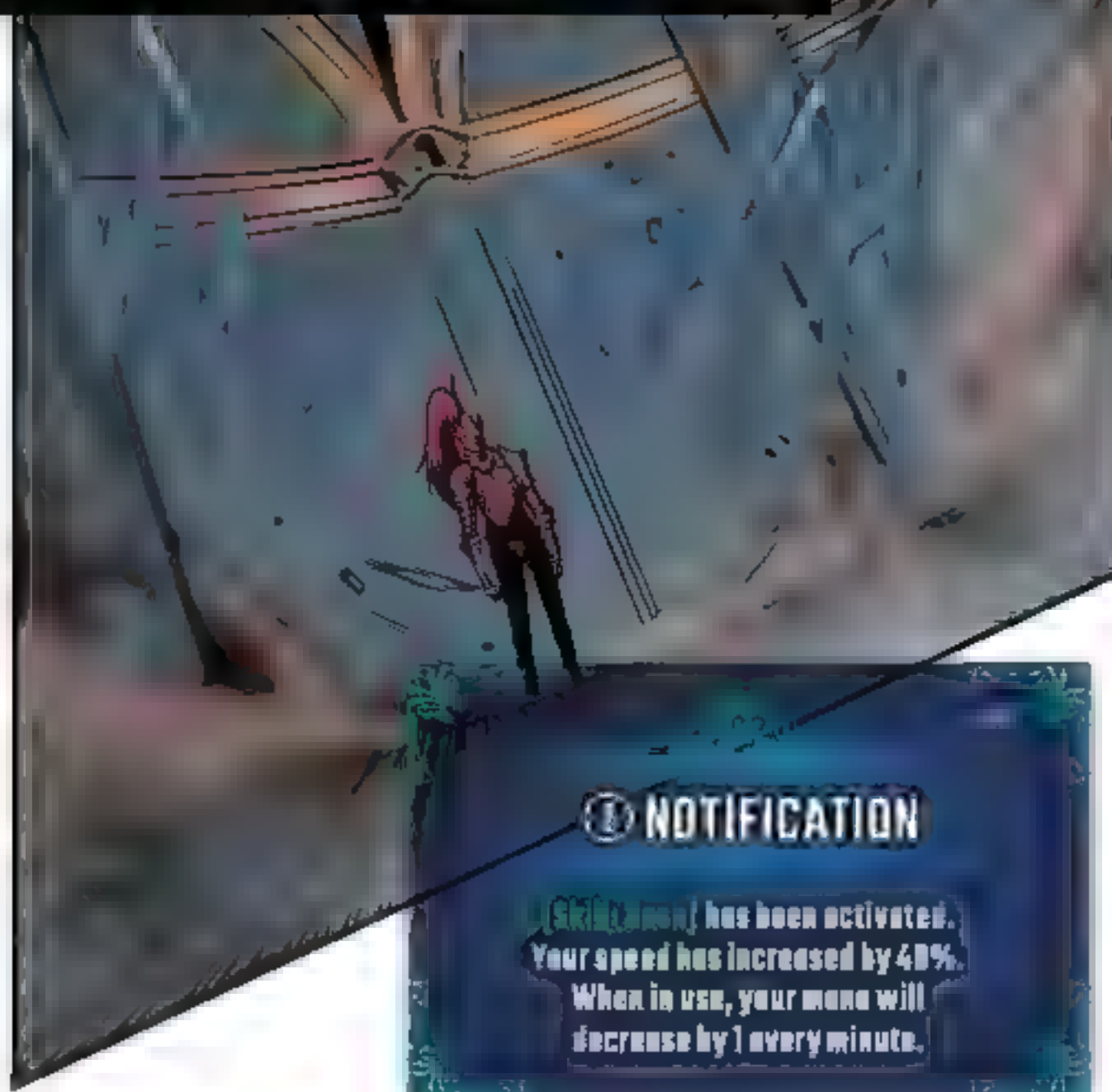
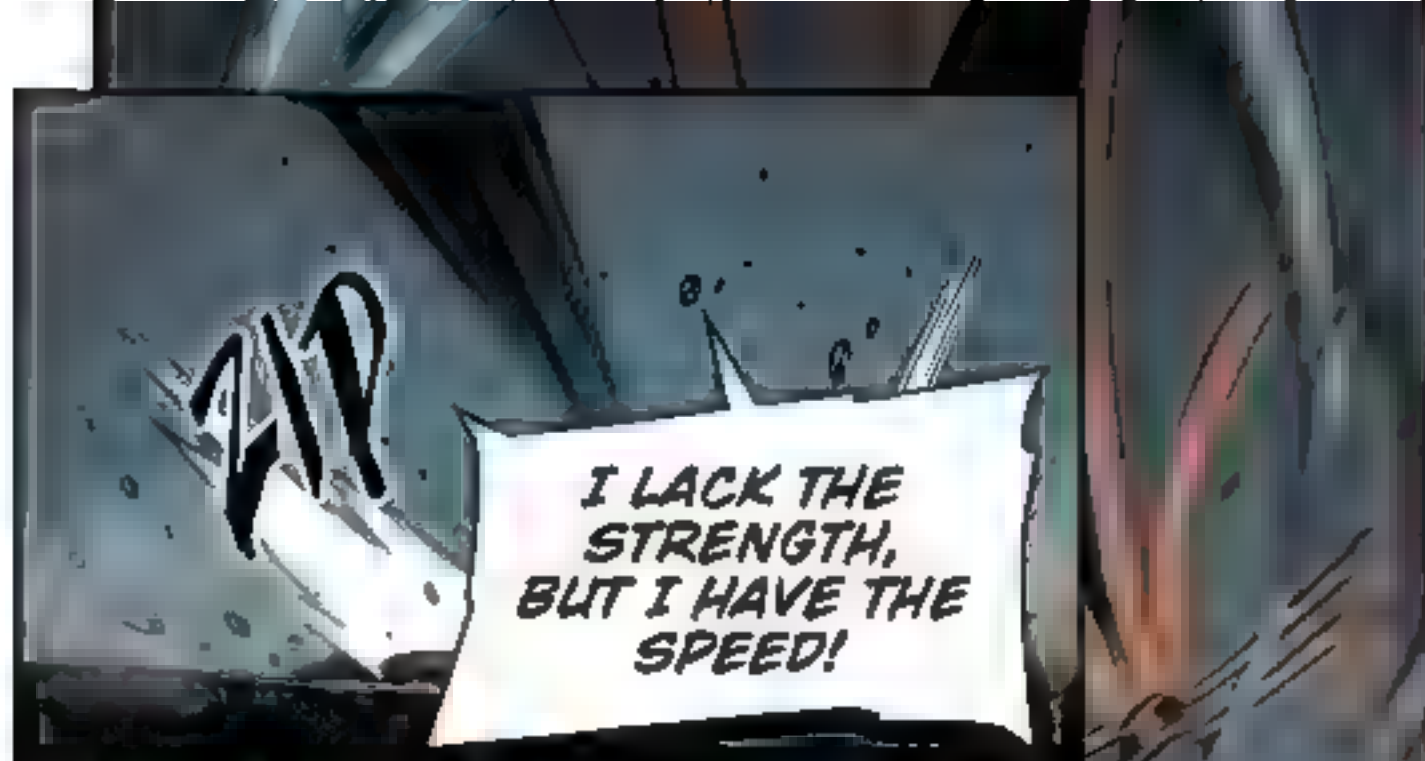


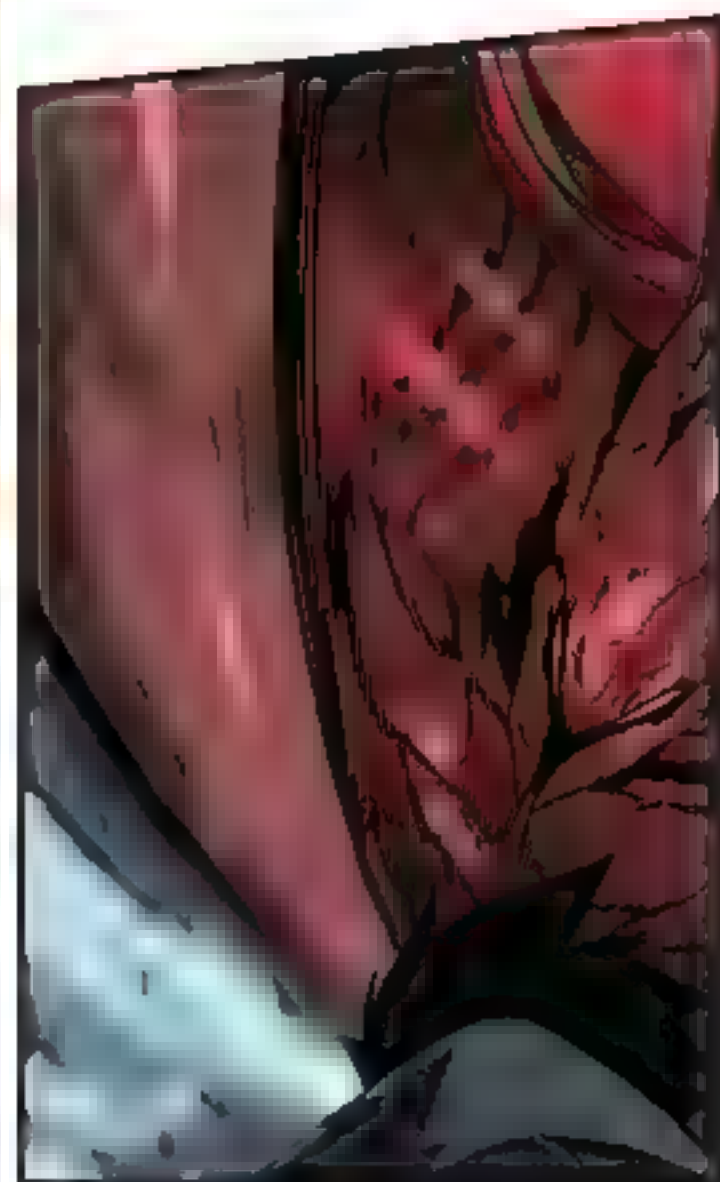
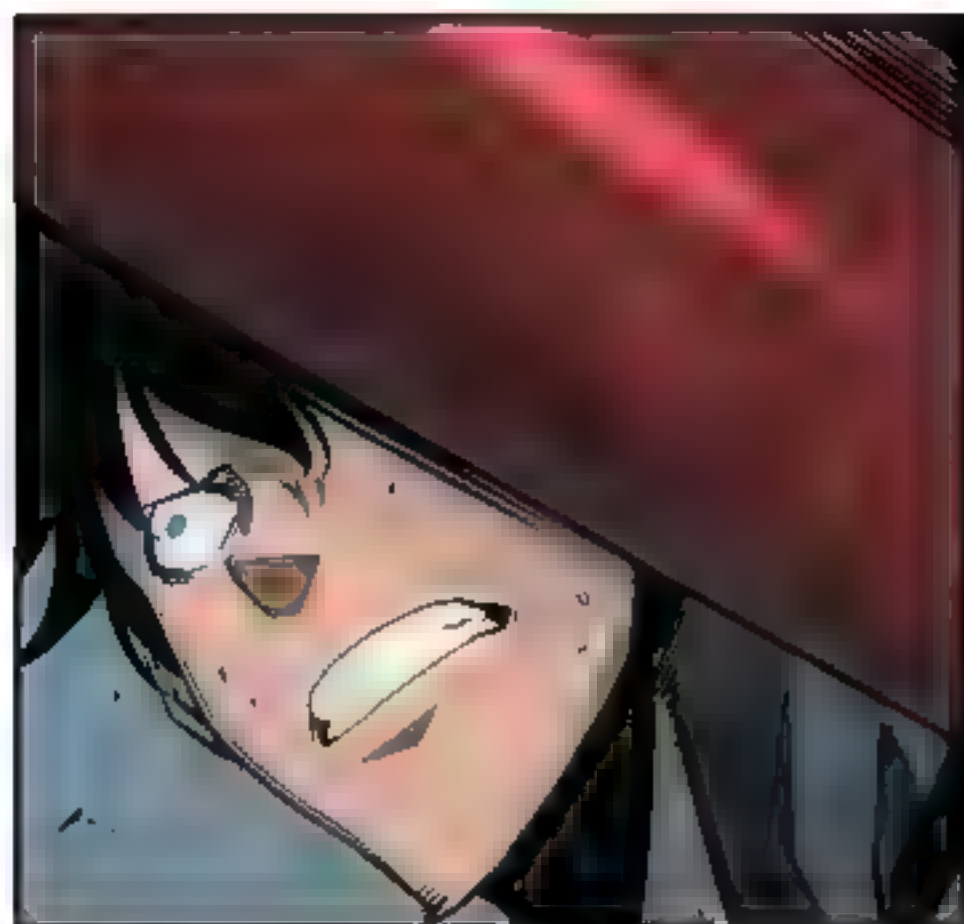


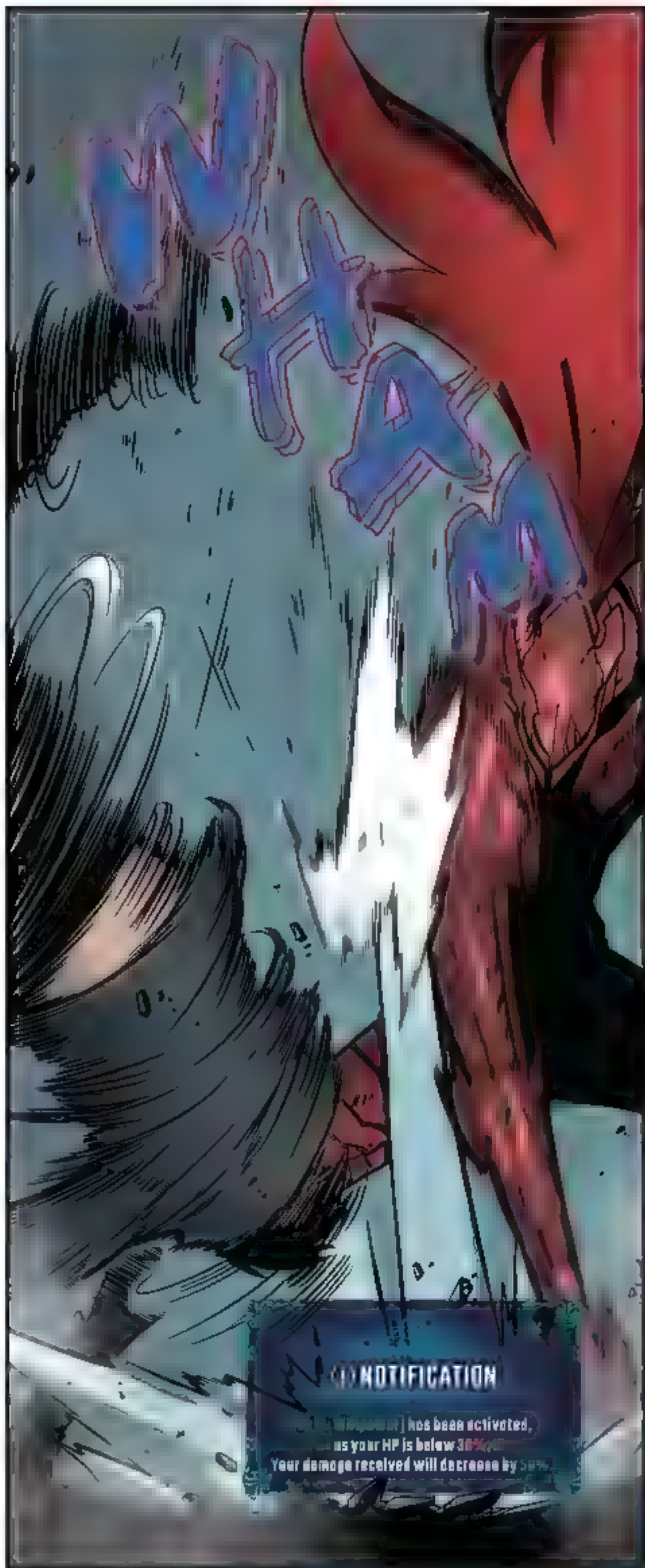












NOTIFICATION
[Skill: Power] has been activated,
as your HP is below 30%.
Your damage received will decrease by 50%.



SPIN

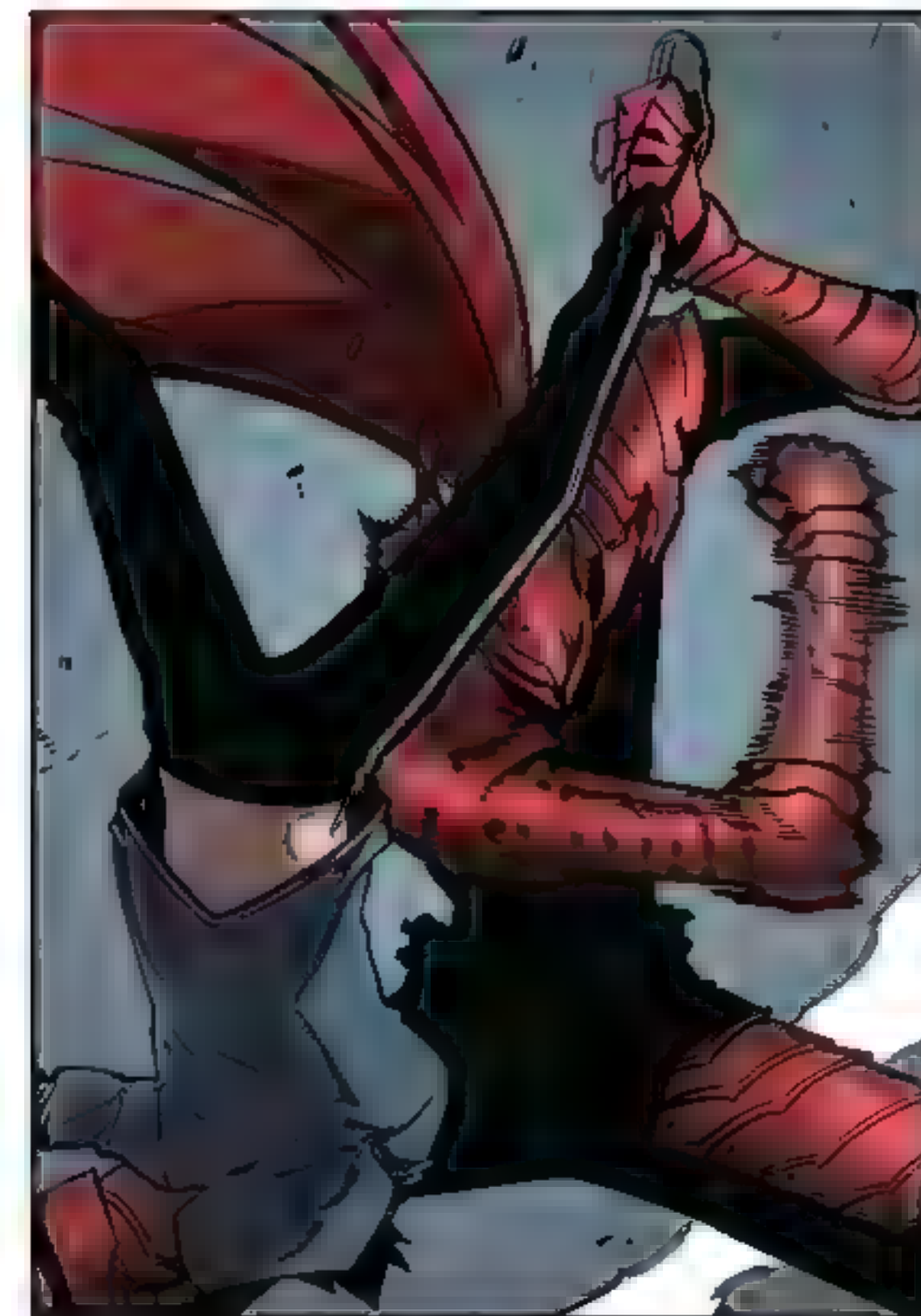
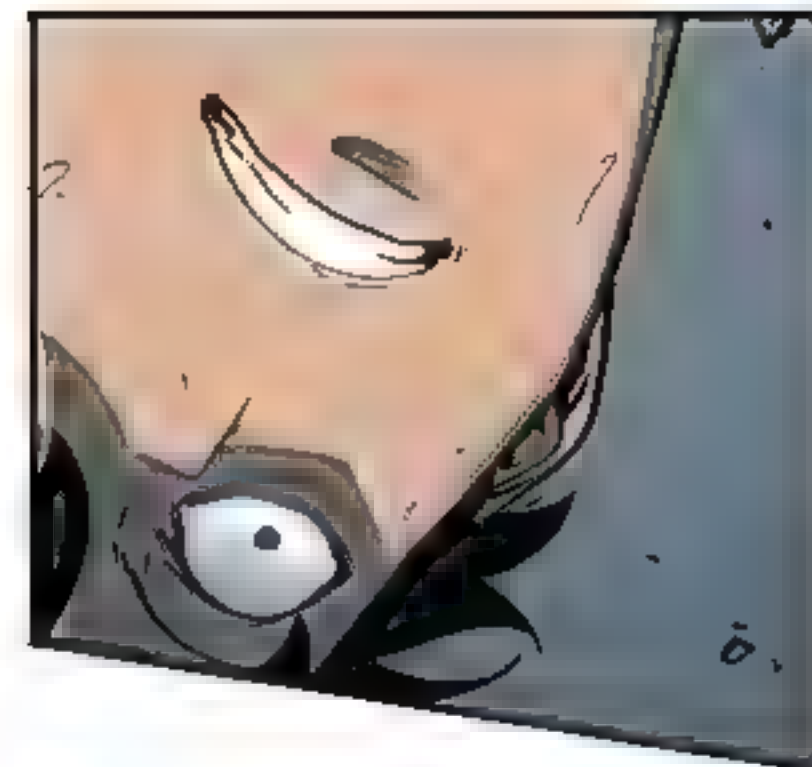
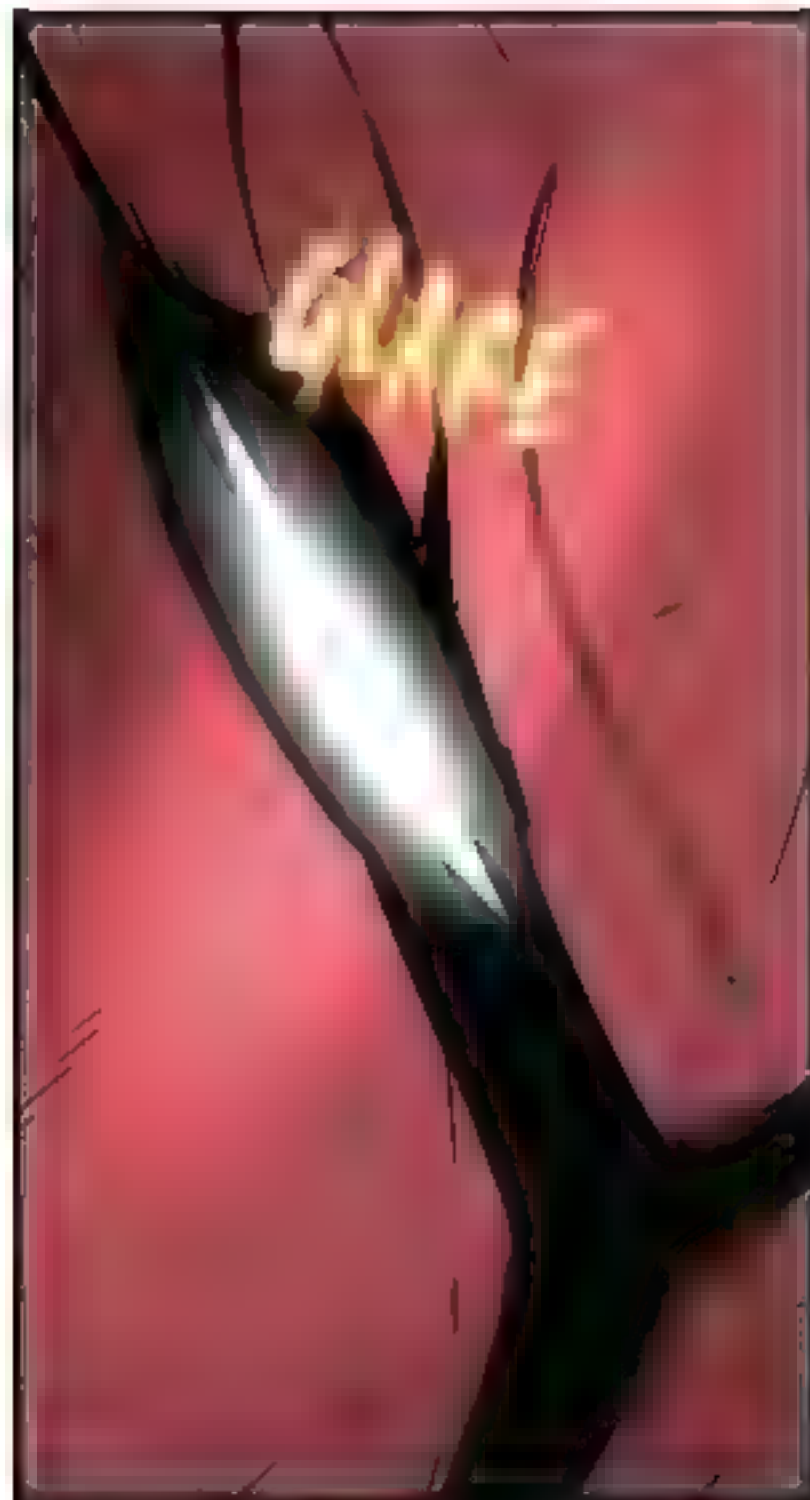
STILL DOABLE SINCE THE PASSIVE SKILL BOOSTED MY DEFENSE!



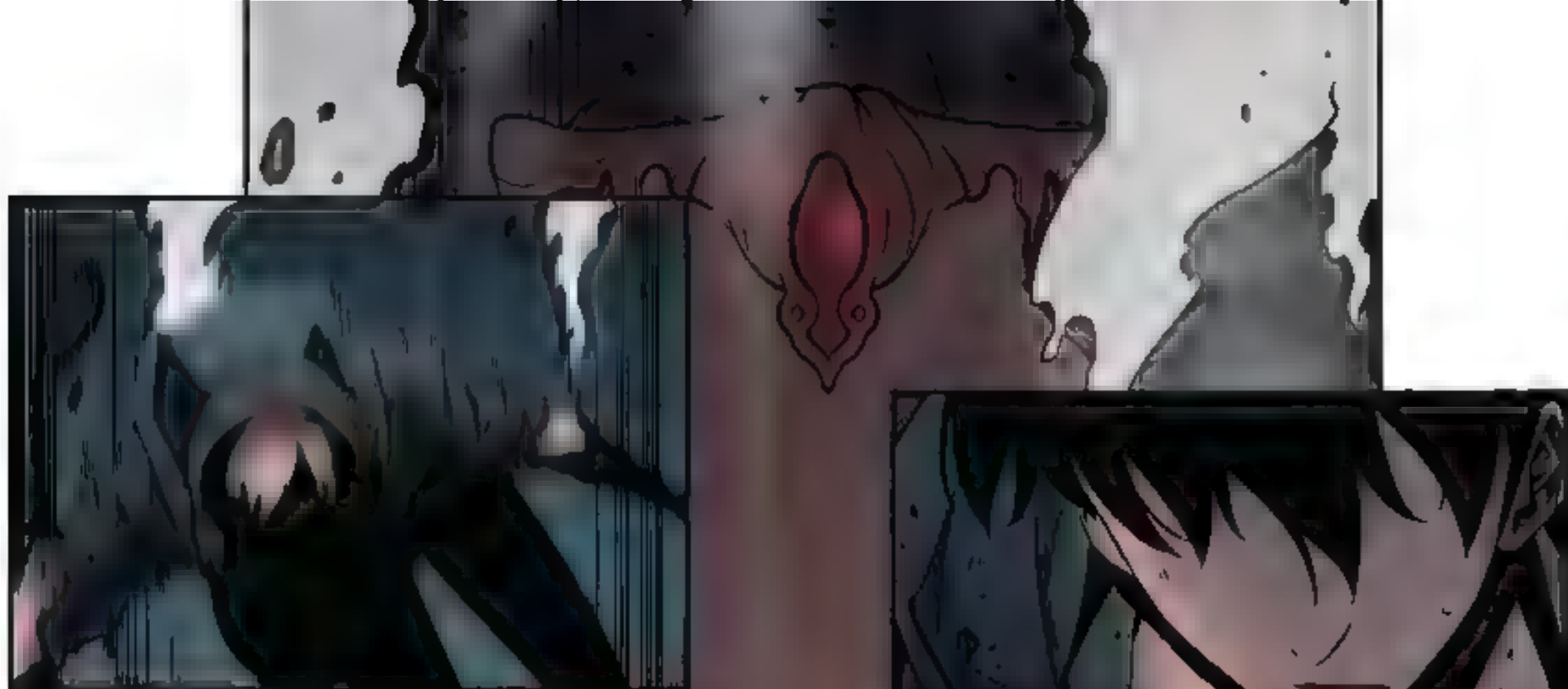
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JUST DON'T GIVE UP...!!





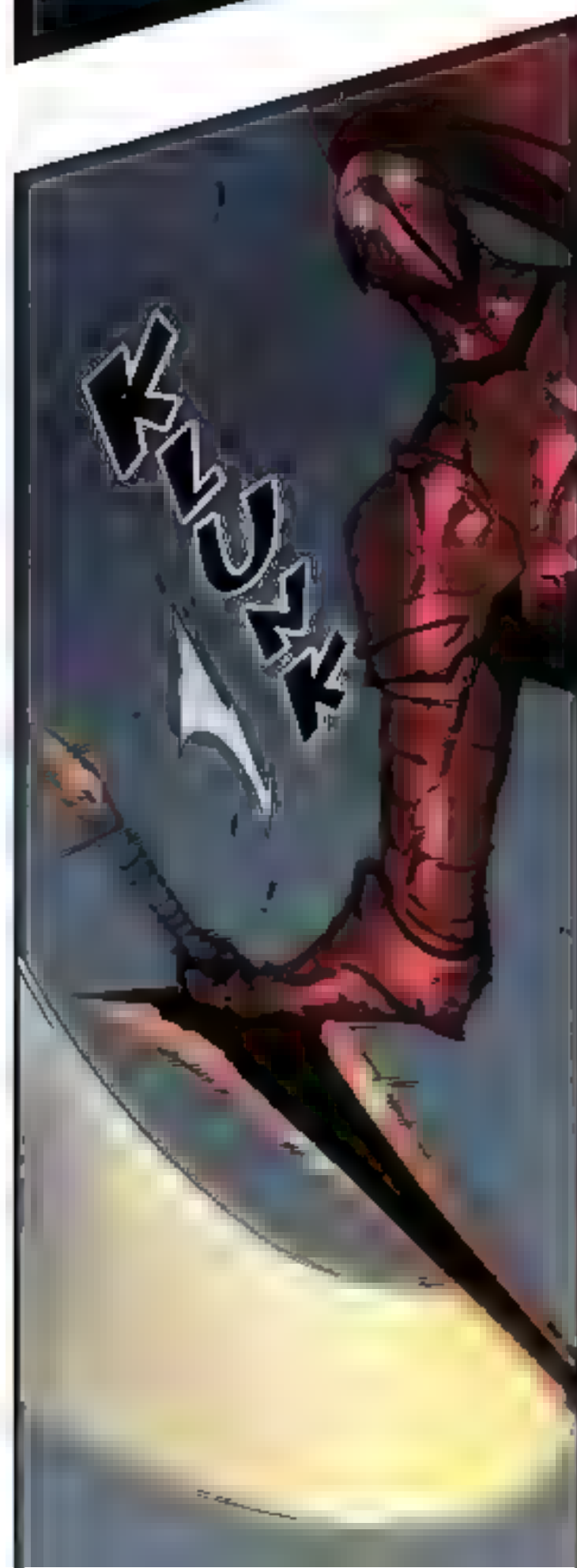
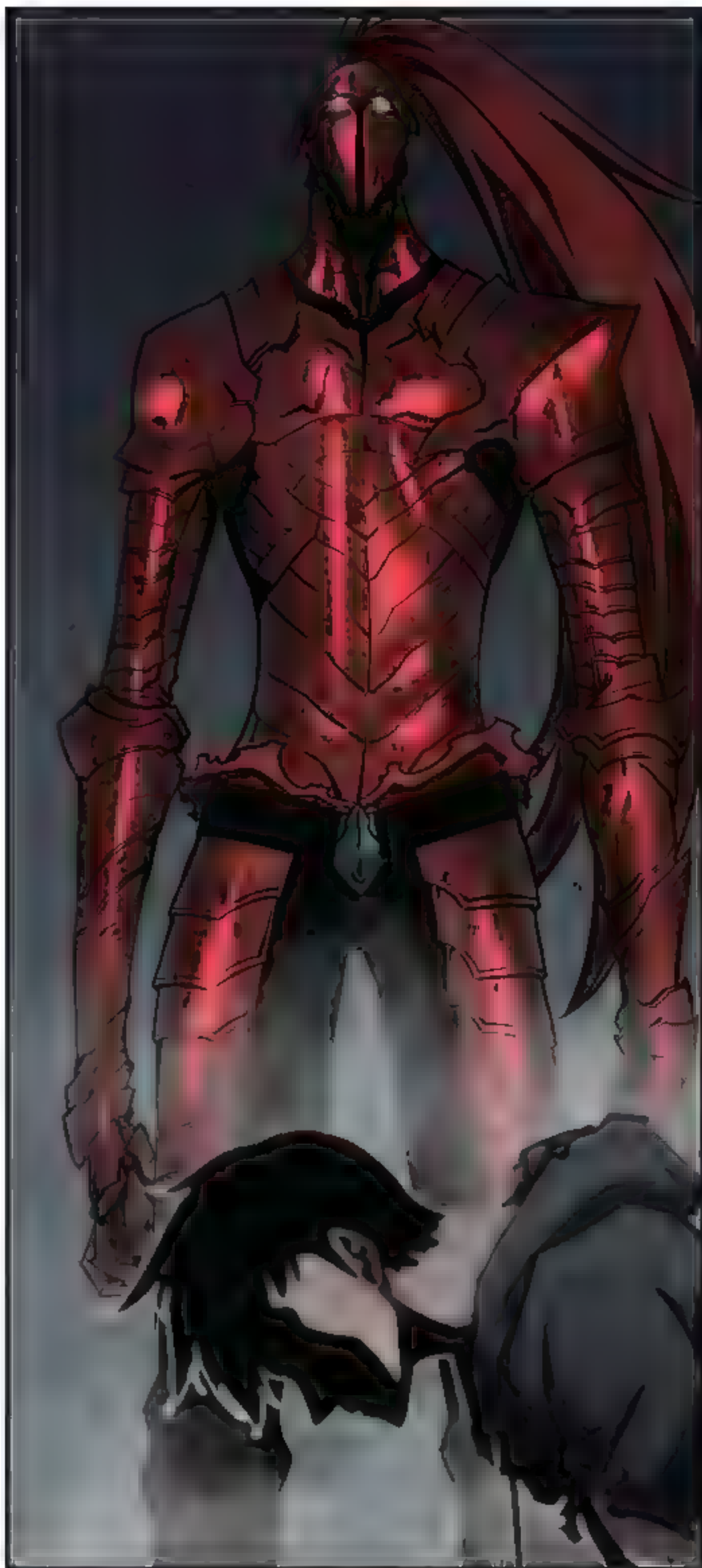


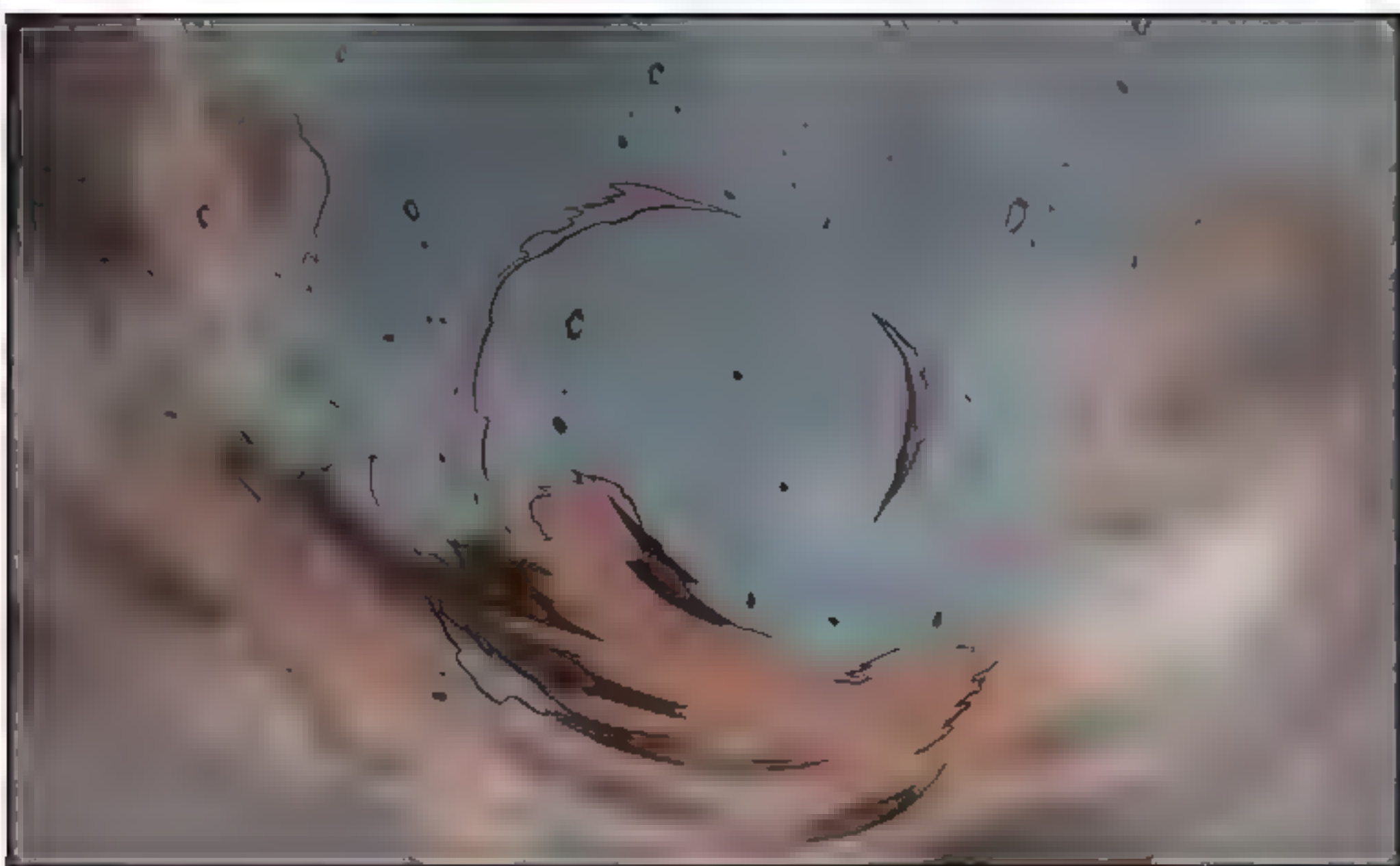
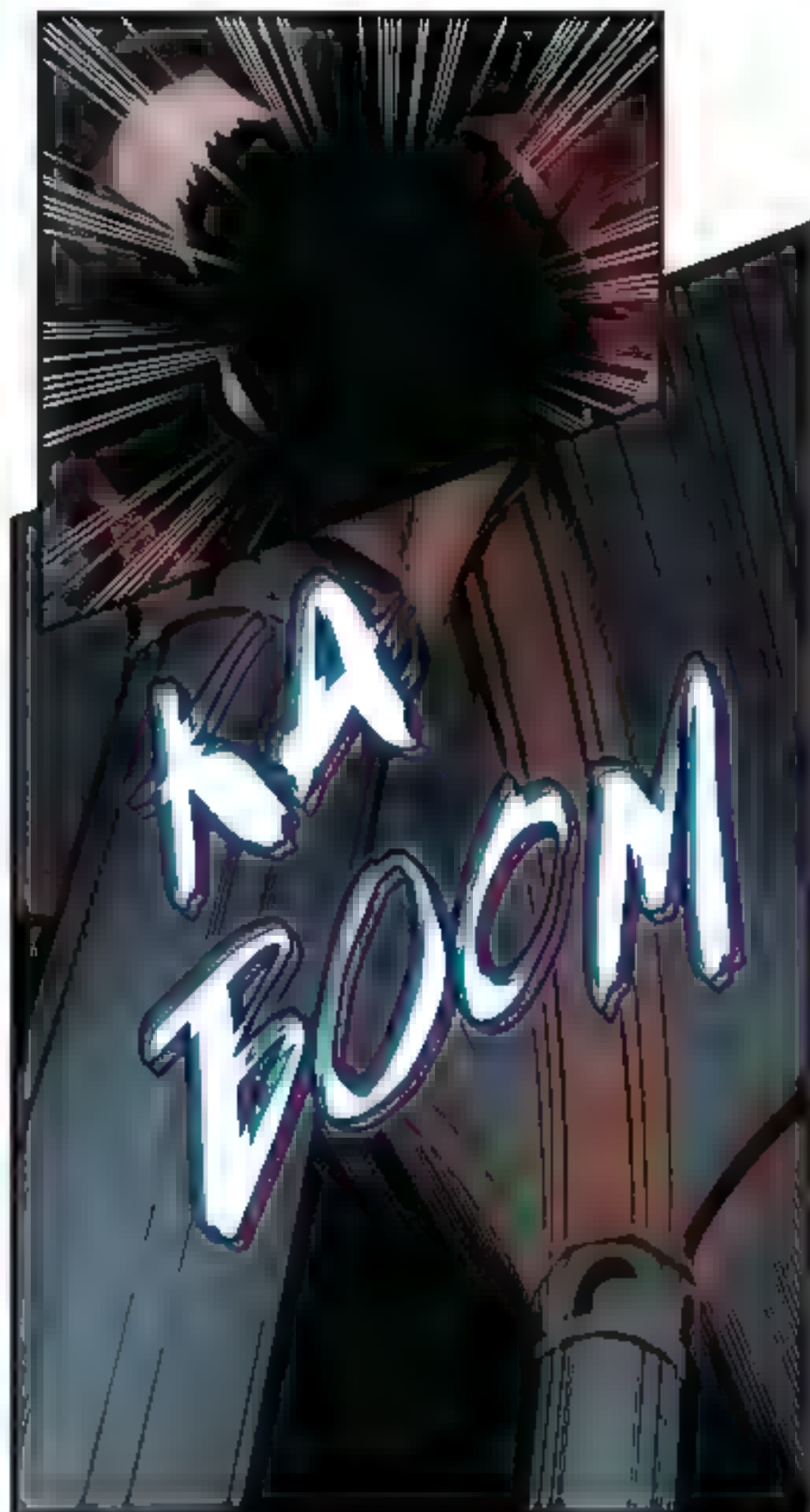
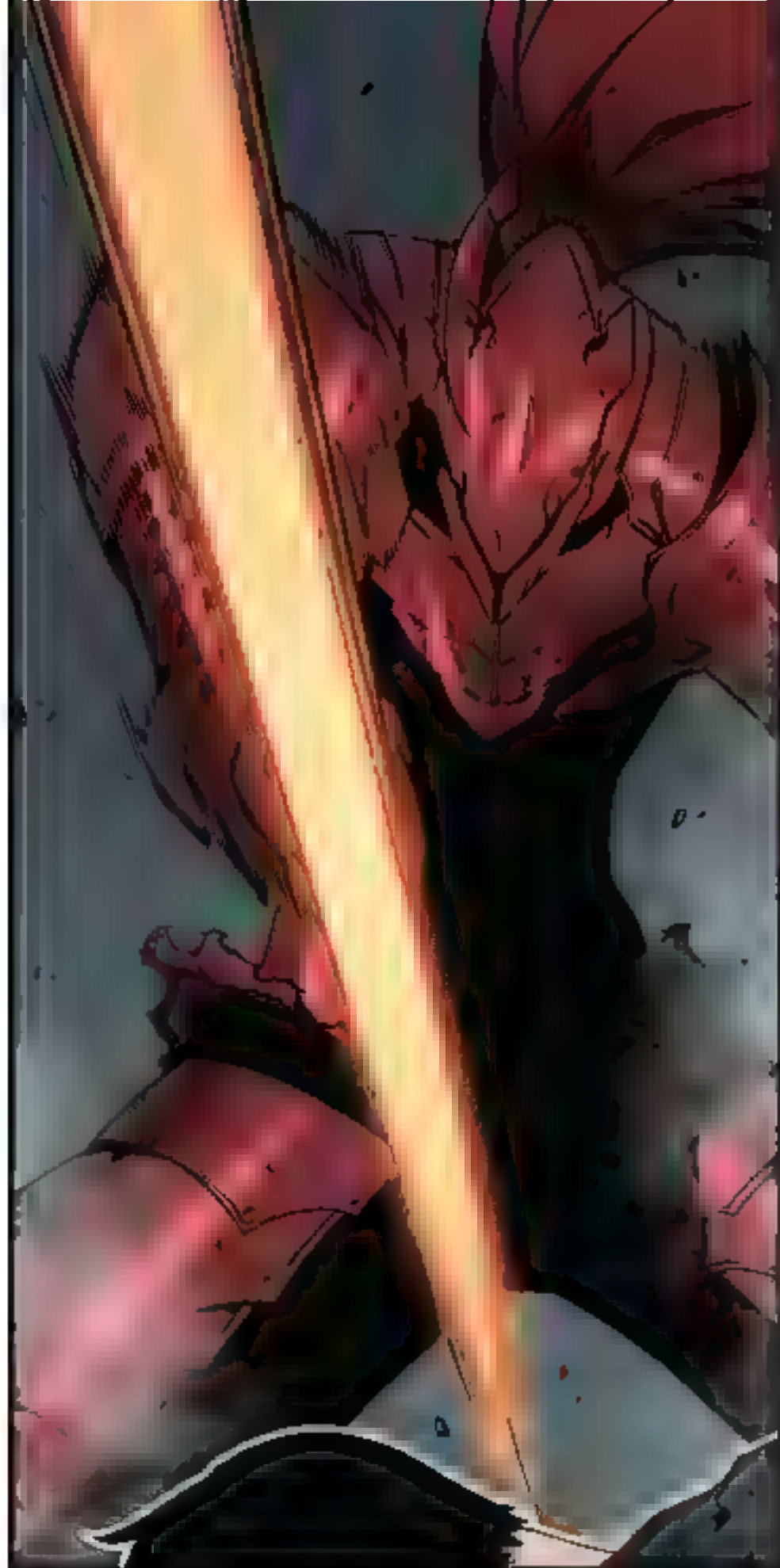
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ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY:
CATEGORY: Protective Gear

Physical damage decreased by 8%.
Additional effect: Prevents injury to wearer's head.
(If strength is less than 80, movement speed will decrease.)



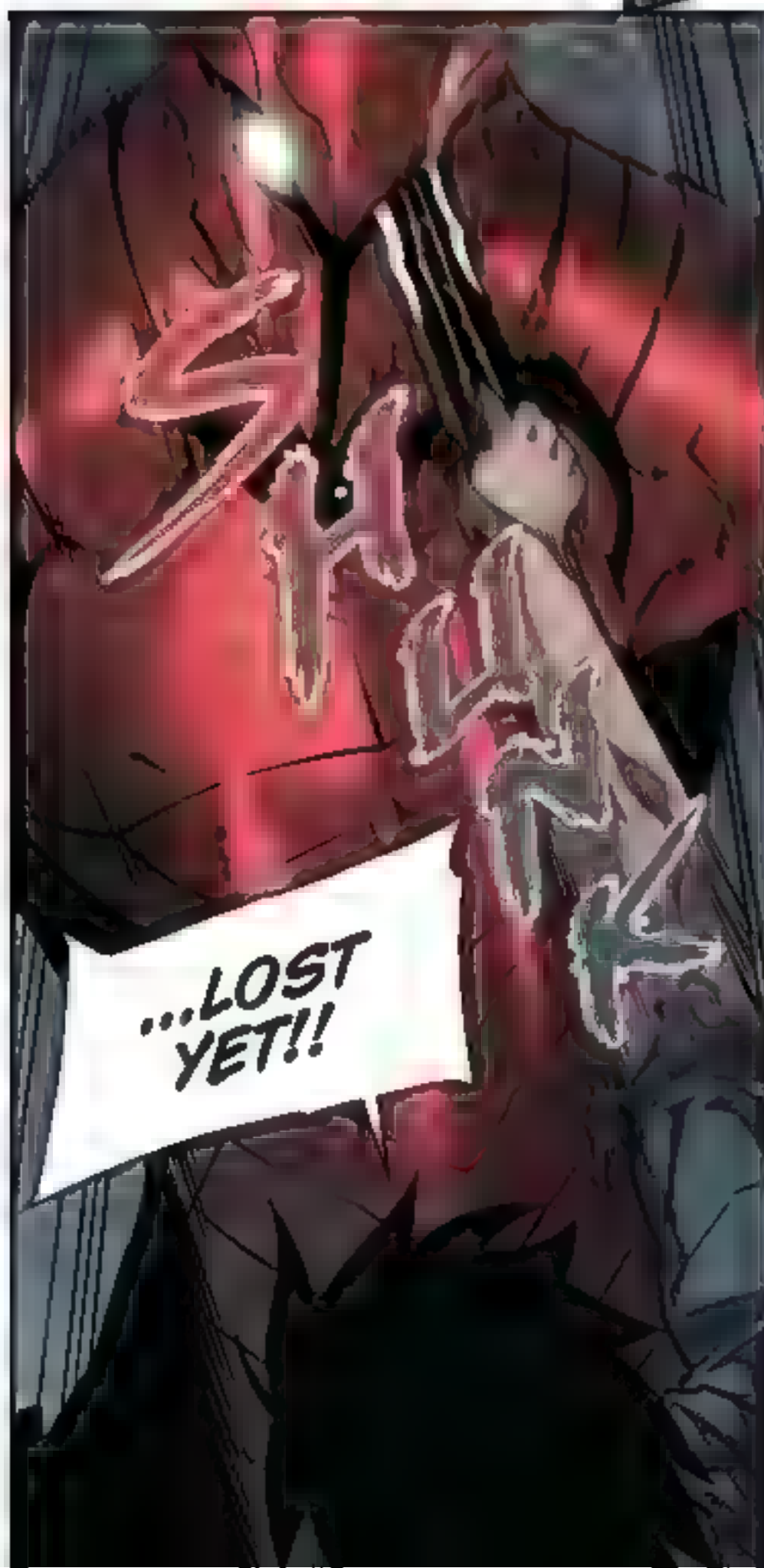


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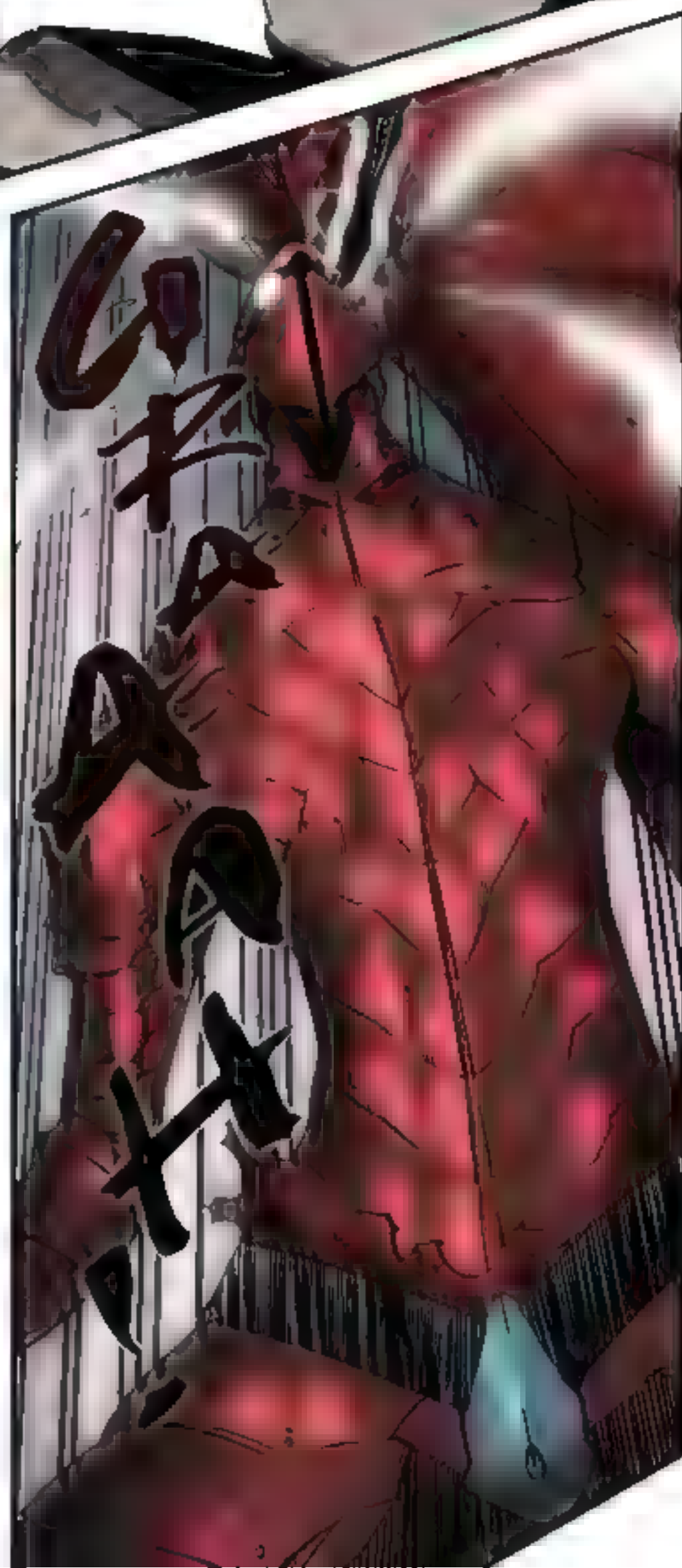
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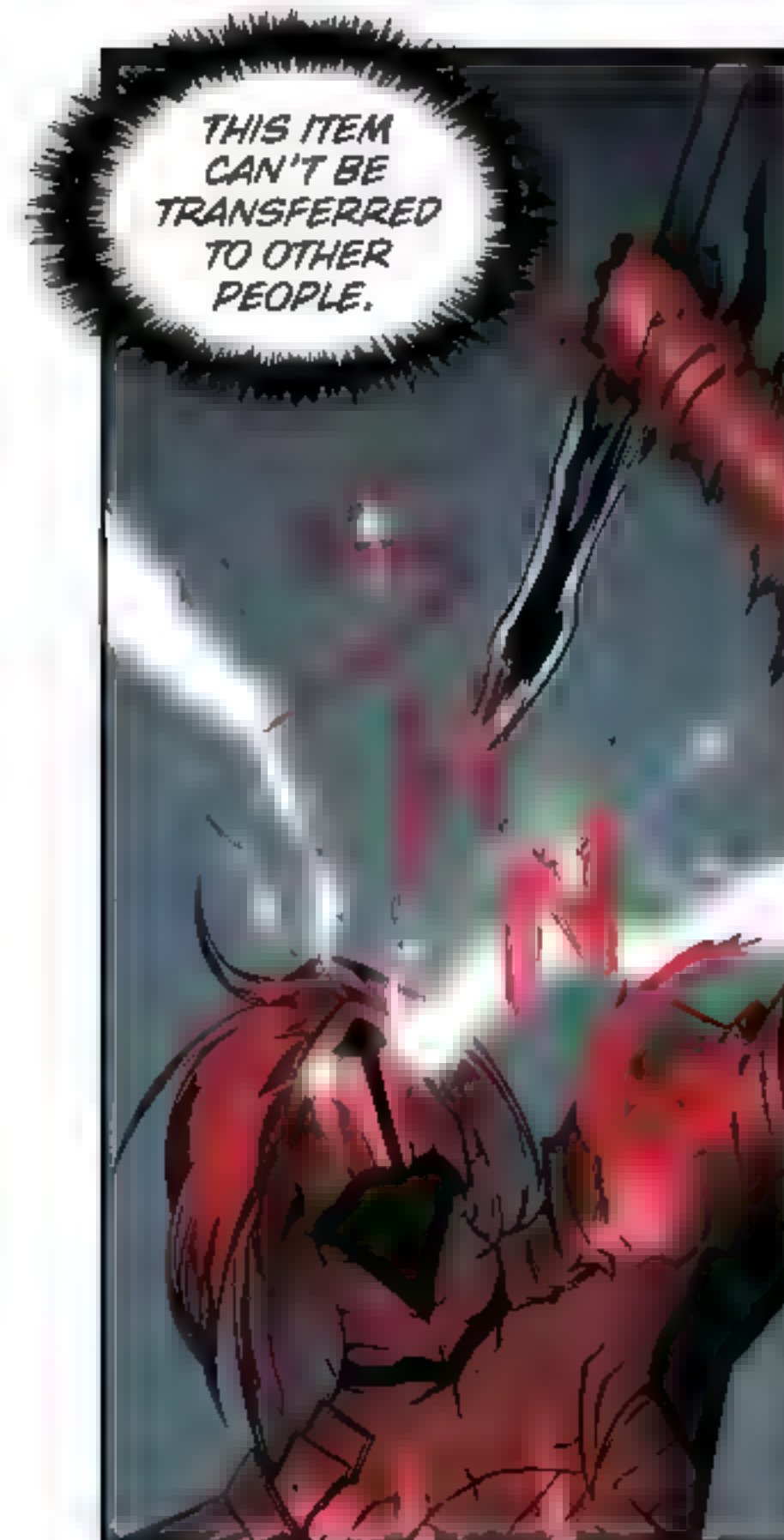
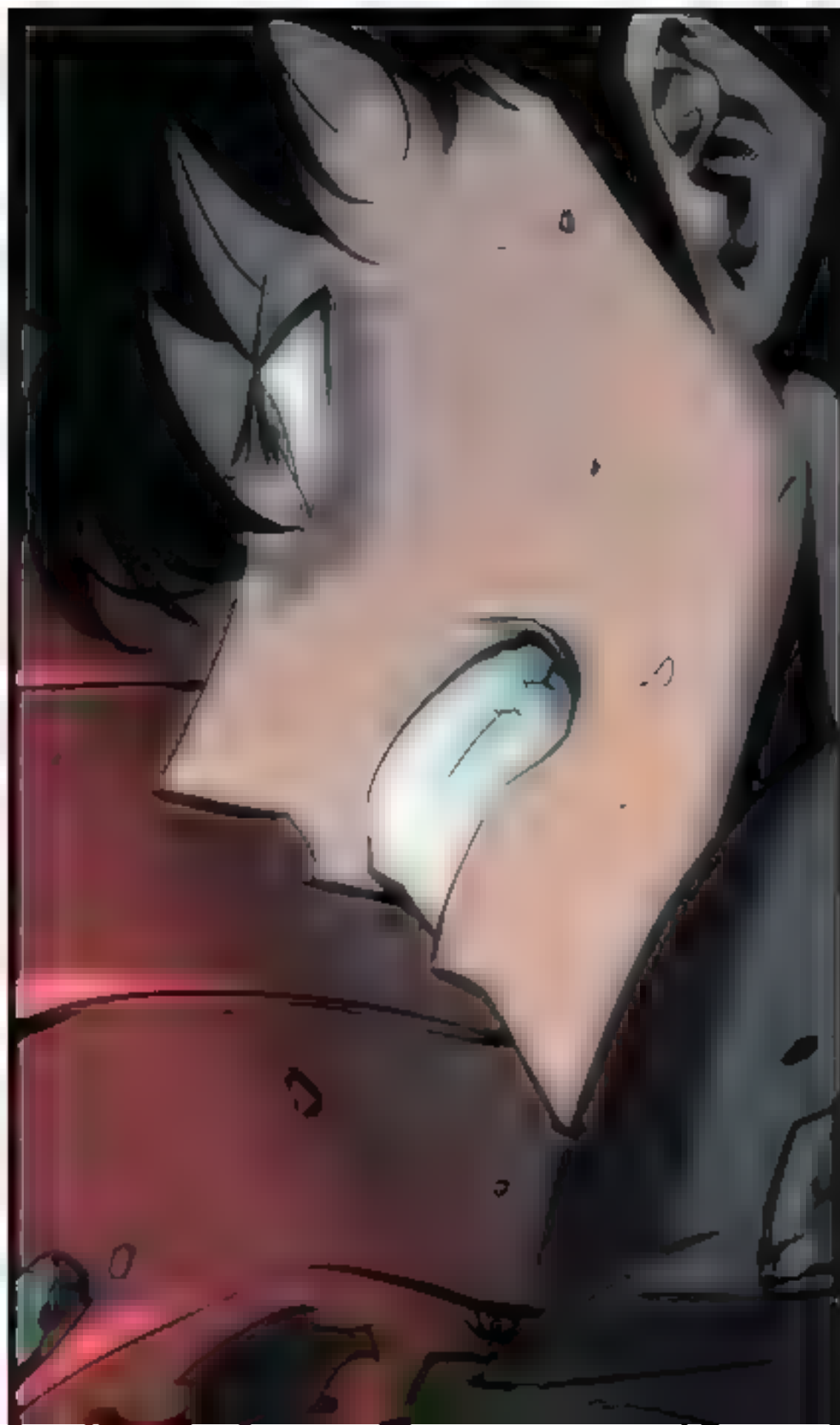
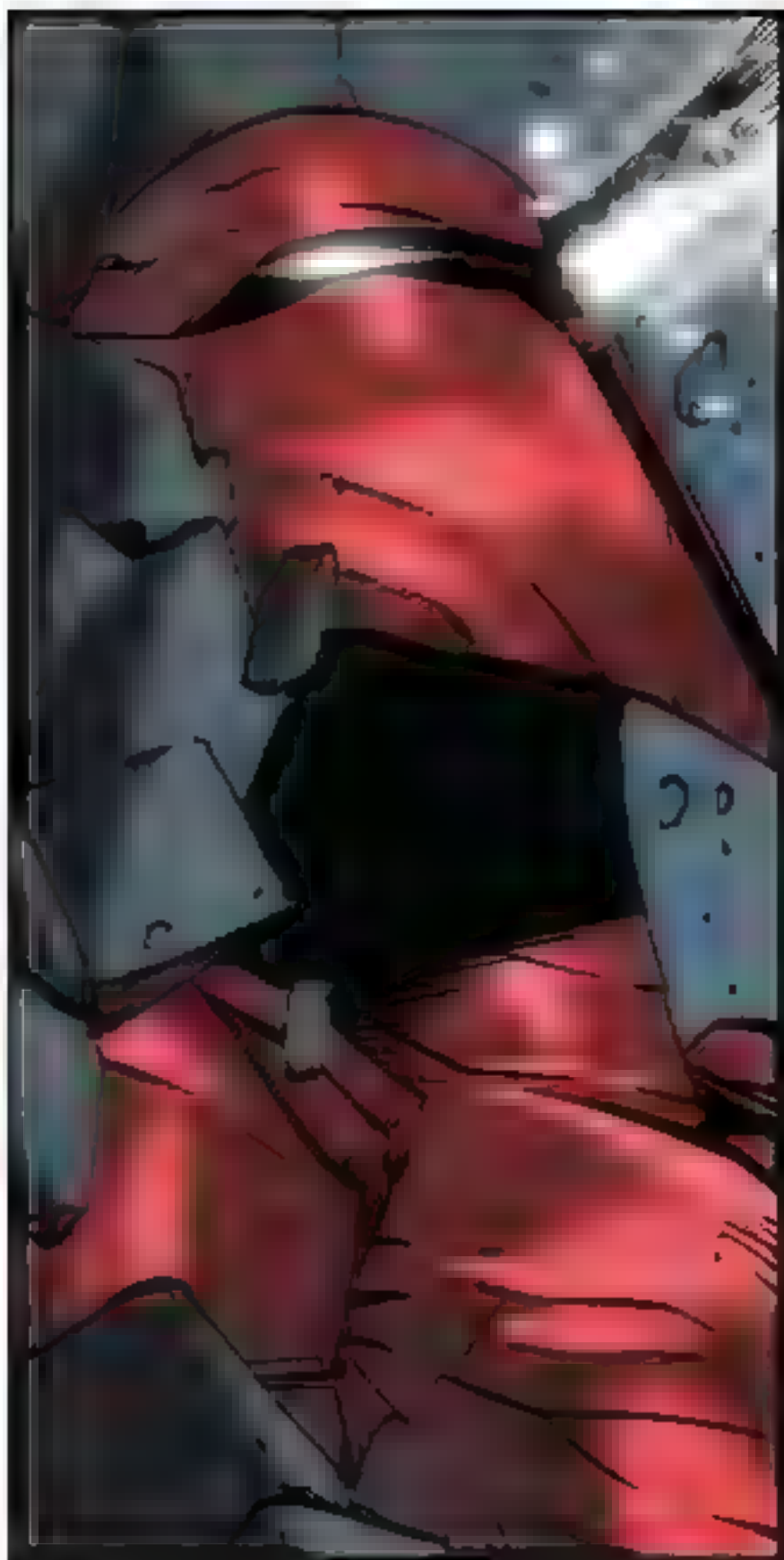
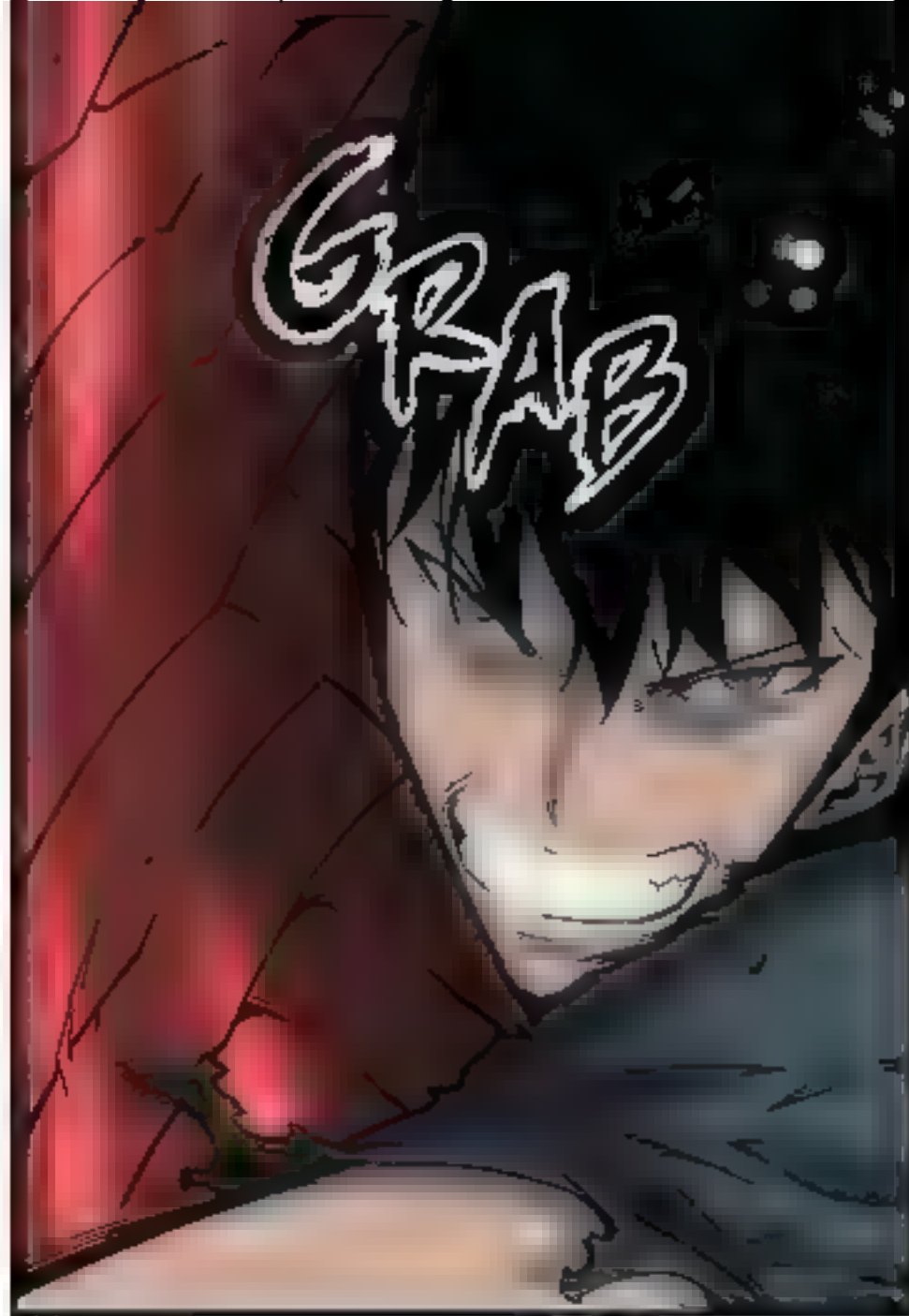
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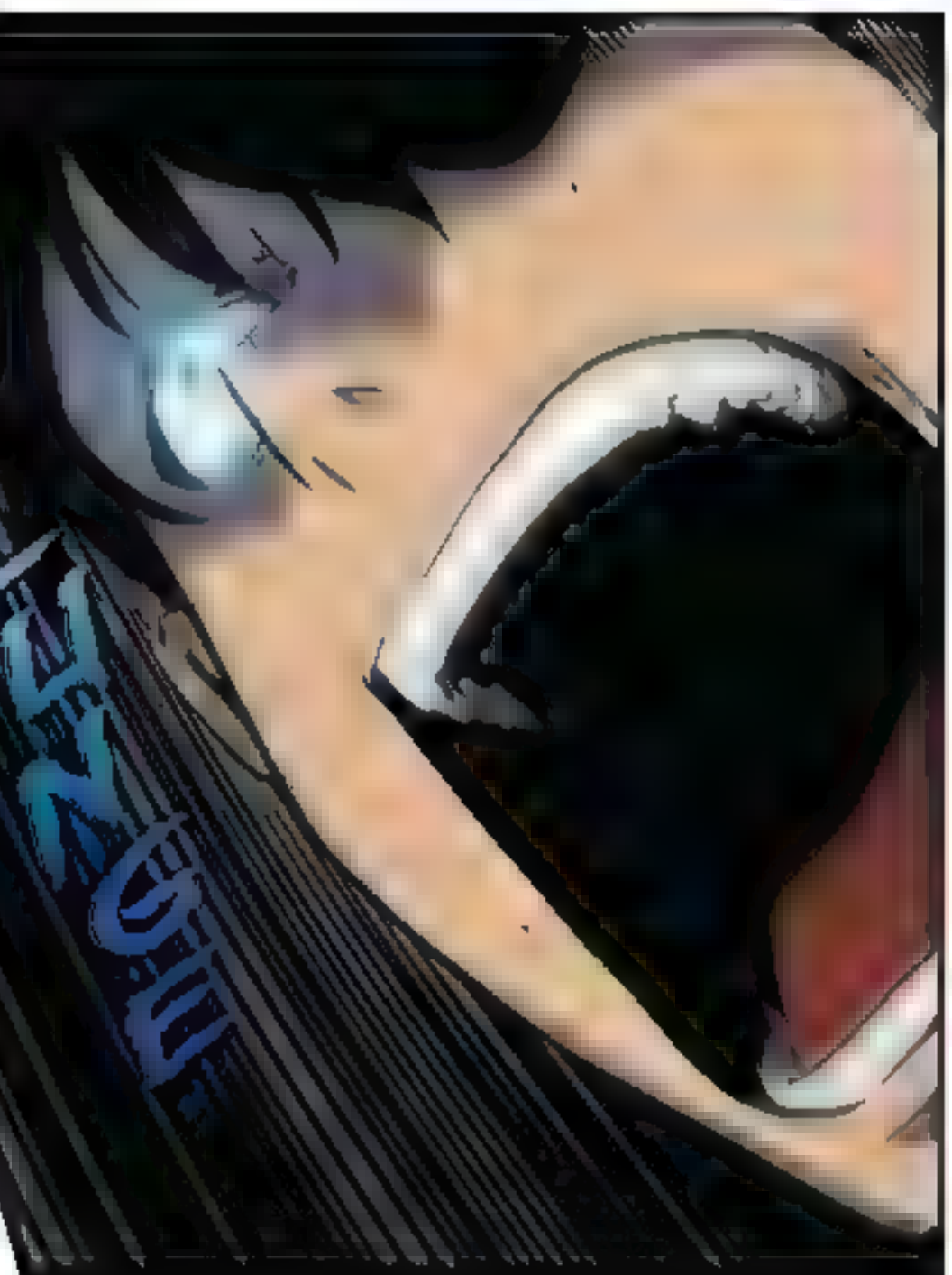
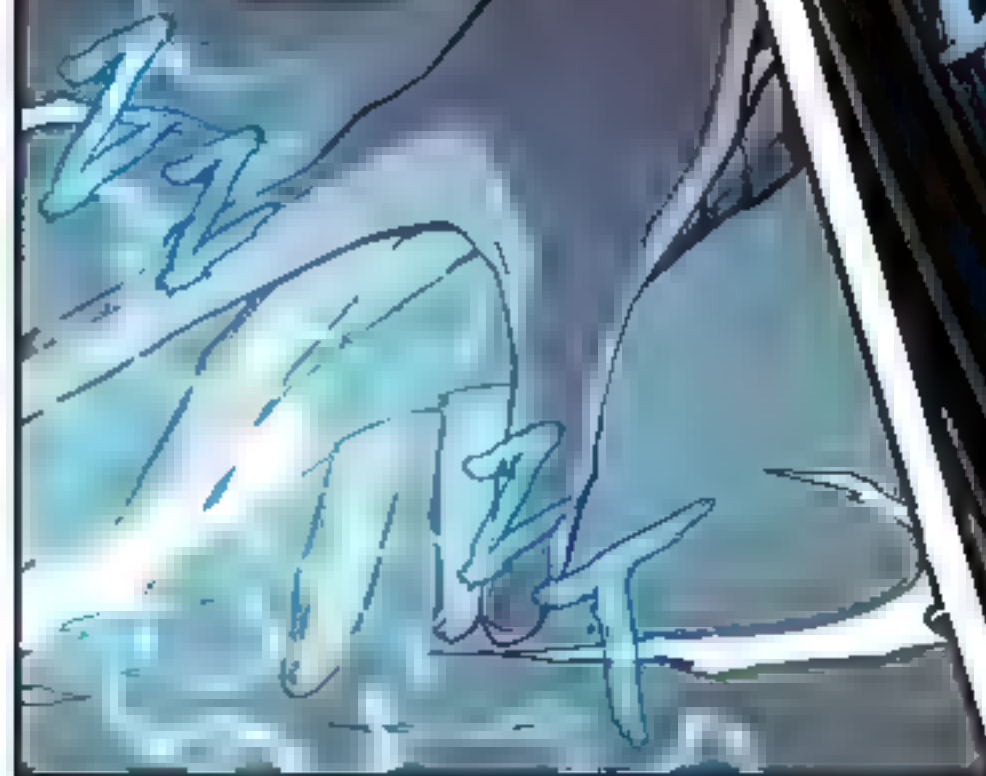
...LOST YET!!

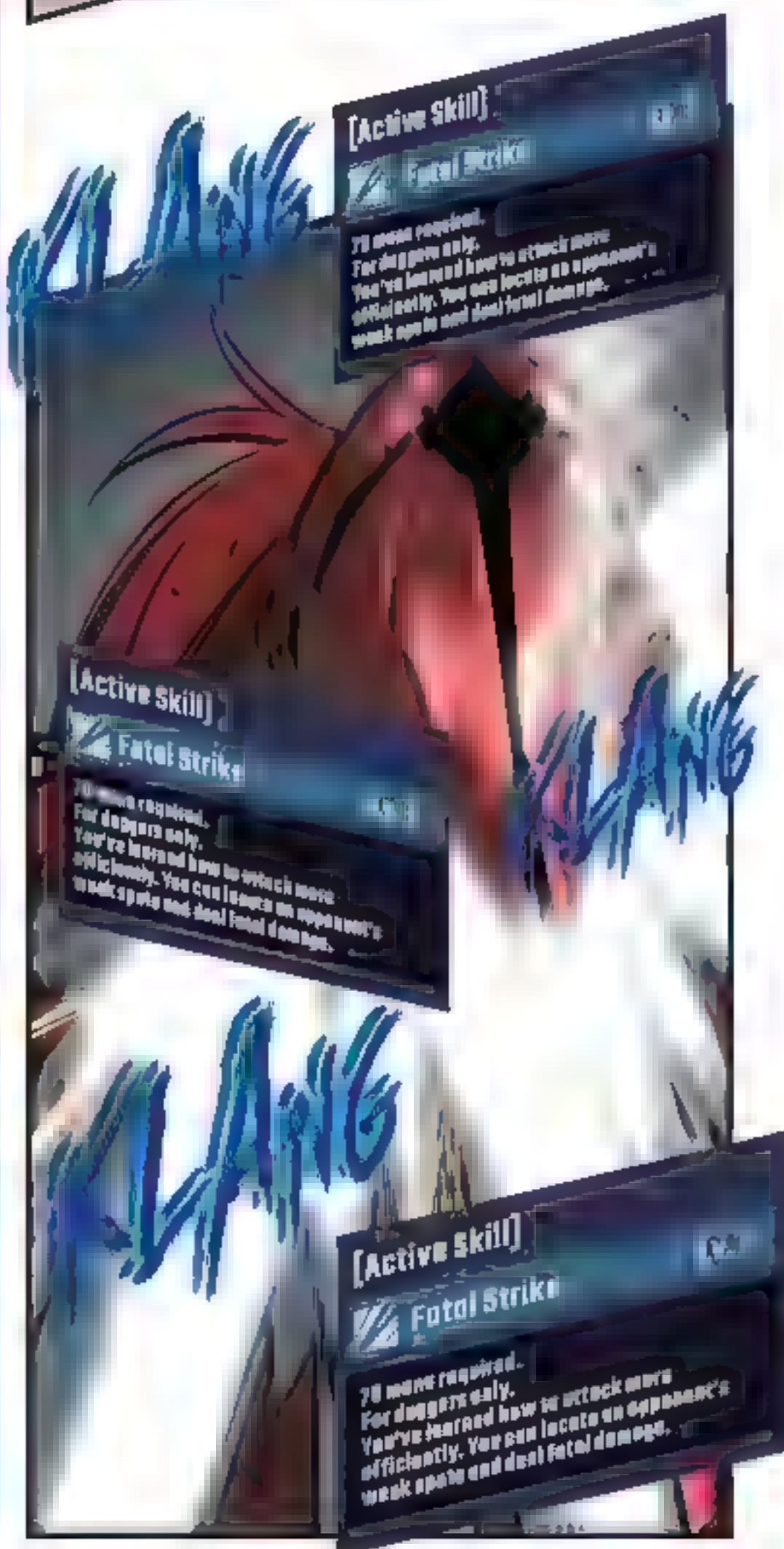
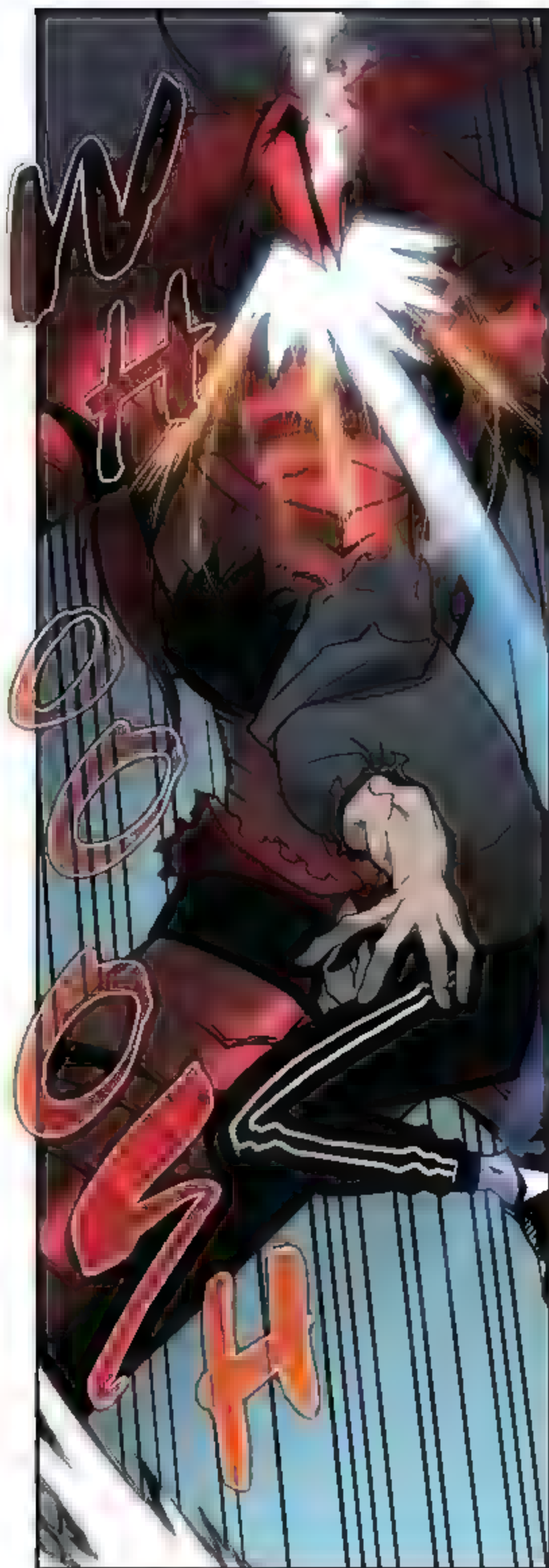


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THEN
SUMMON IT
ONE MORE
TIME!!





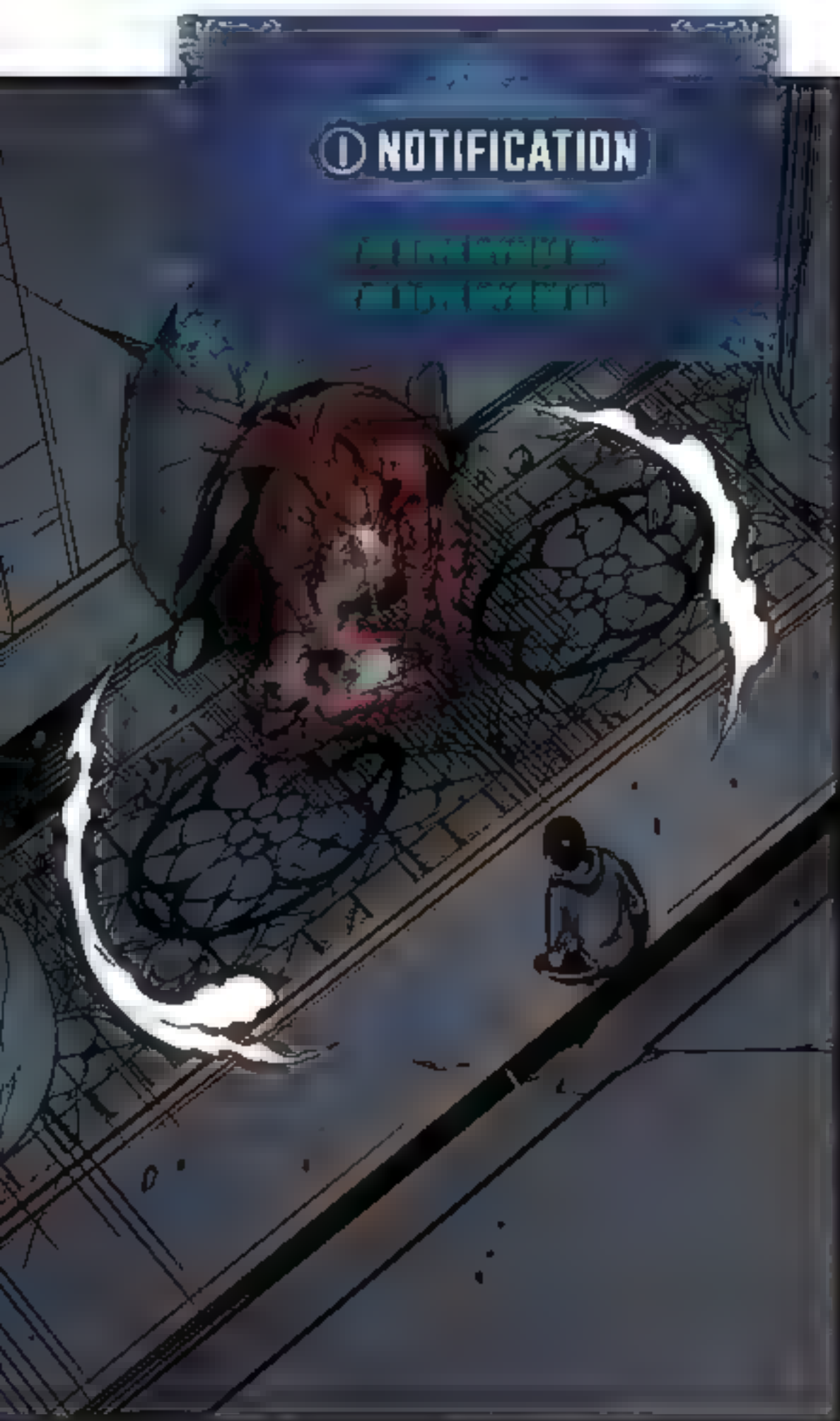
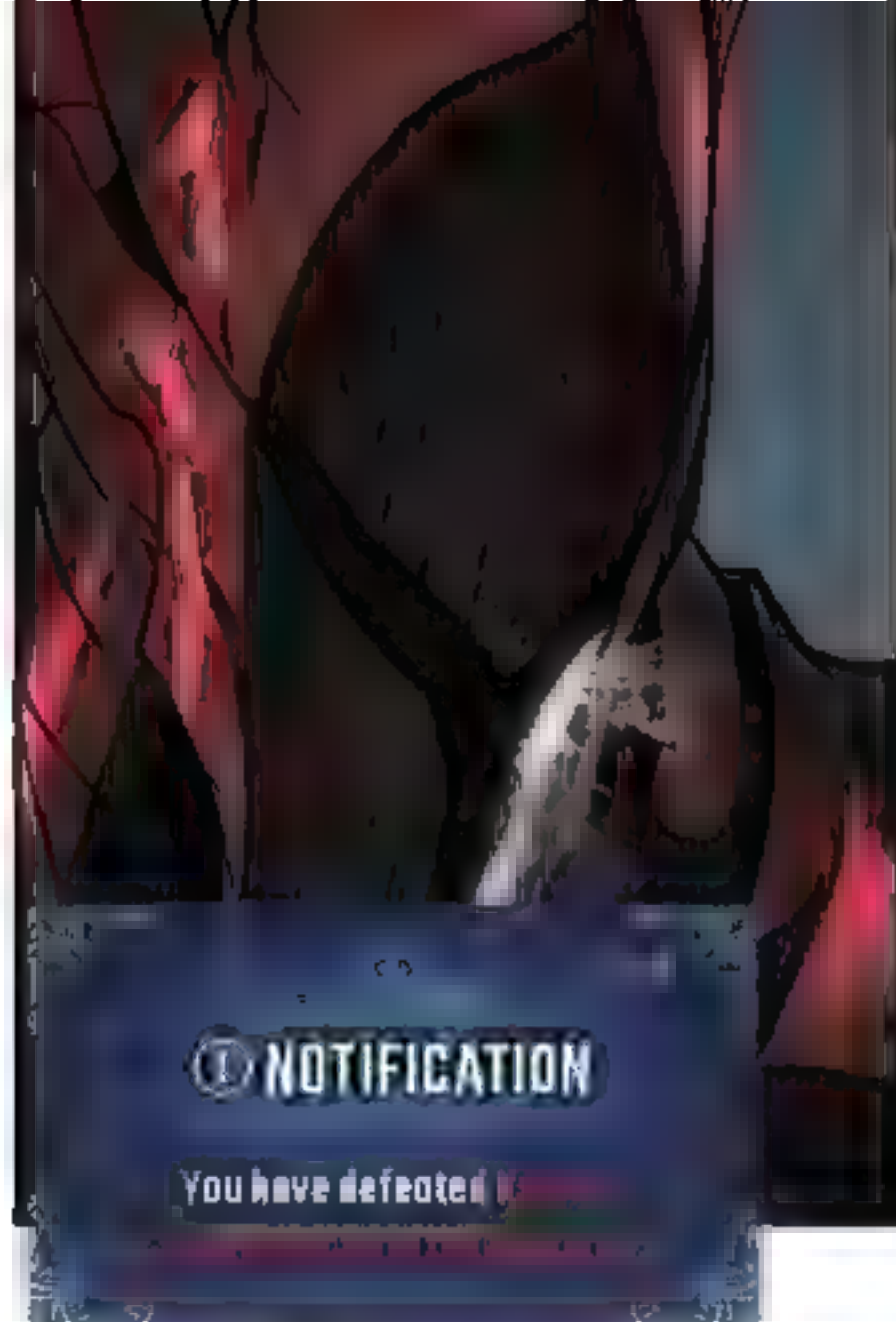


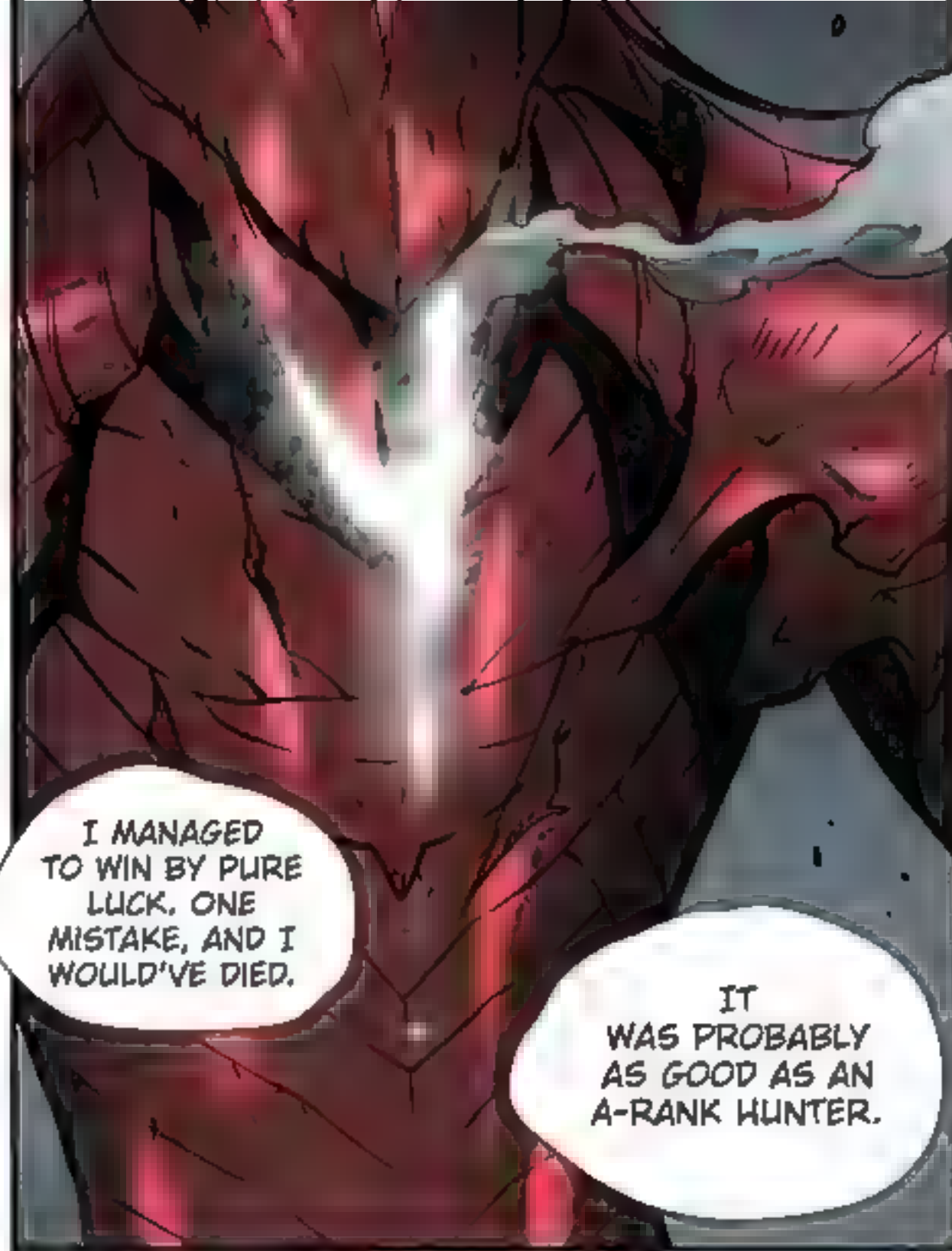
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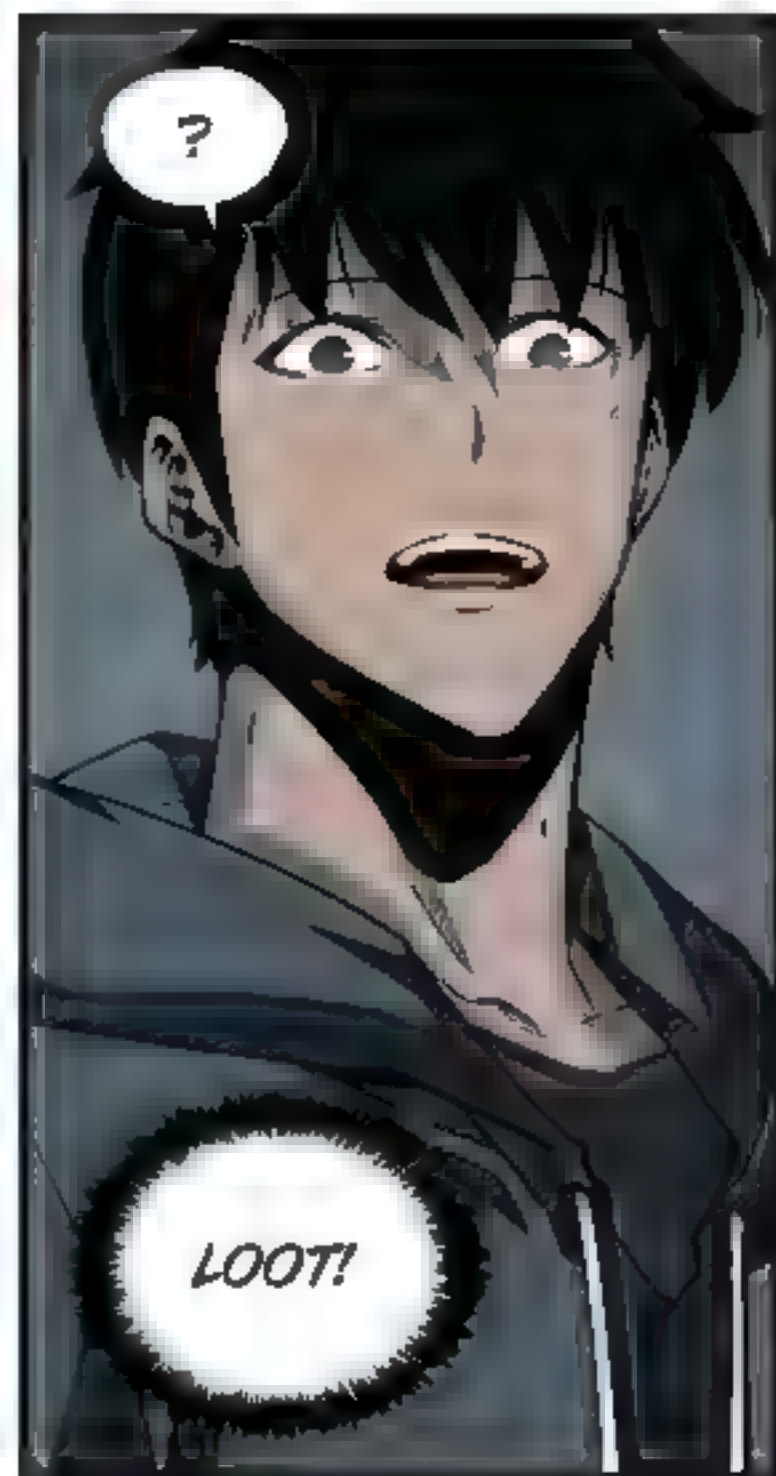






I MANAGED TO WIN BY PURE LUCK. ONE MISTAKE, AND I WOULD'VE DIED.

IT WAS PROBABLY AS GOOD AS AN A-RANK HUNTER.



LOOT!



FOUR ITEMS AT ONCE! THESE REWARDS ARE NEXT-LEVEL!

GRAB

GRAB

IT WAS WORTH RISKING MY LIFE.



You have opened [Item: Leather Pouch]

You have acquired 1,500,000 gold.

THAT'S AS MUCH GOLD AS I HAVE RIGHT NOW!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST DOUBLED MY GOLD.

Balance: 3,115,020 G



DOES THAT
MEAN...?
NO WAY...

THE JOB-
CHANGE QUEST
ISN'T OVER
YET?!

DOOM



[ITEM: Crimson Knight's Helmet]

ACQUISITION DIFFICULTY: 5

CATEGORY: Protective Gear

Physical damage decreased by 15%.

Stamina +20, Strength +20



CATEGORY: Rune Stone

You may obtain the skill by crushing the stone.



CATEGORY: Consumable

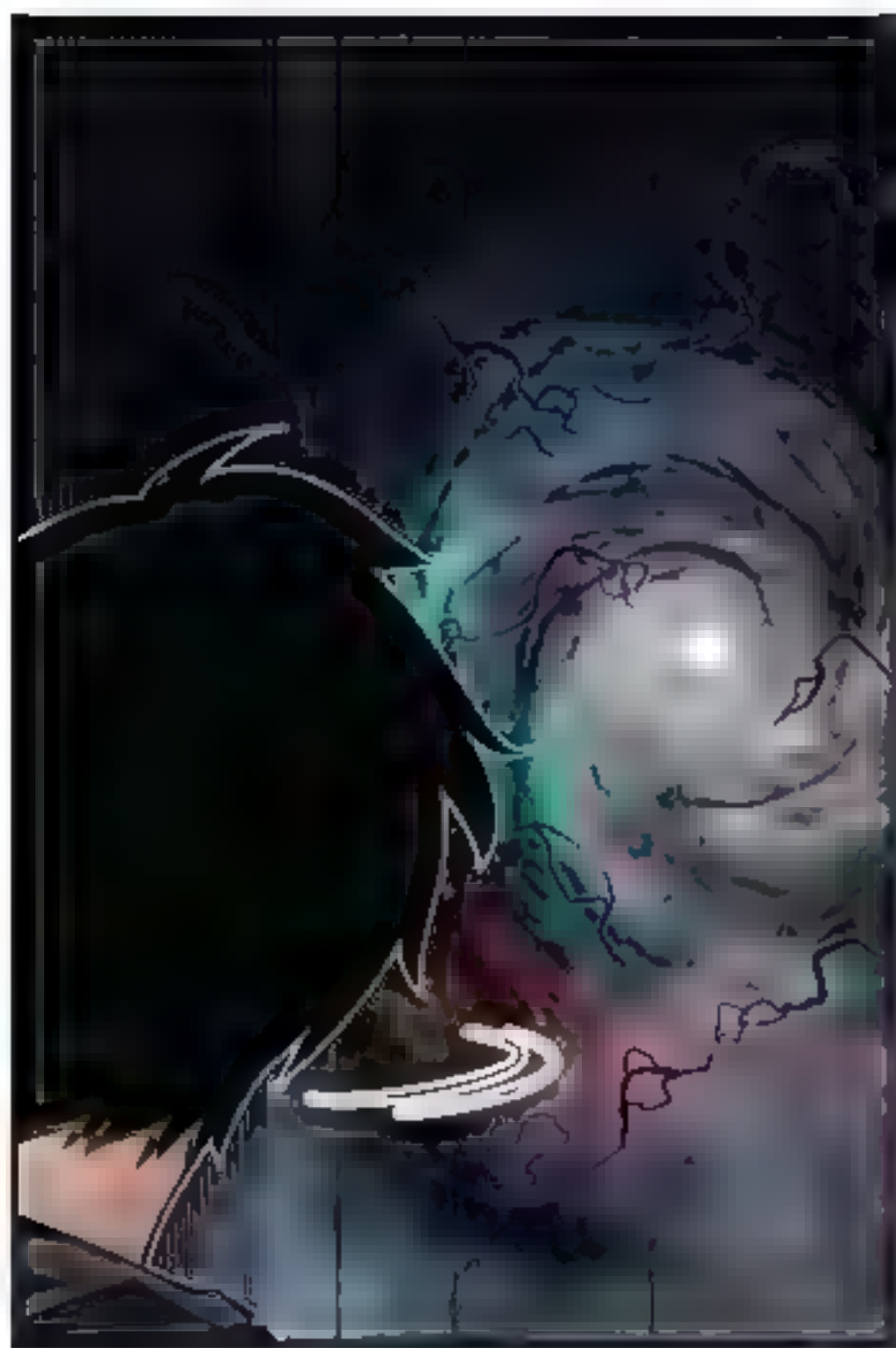
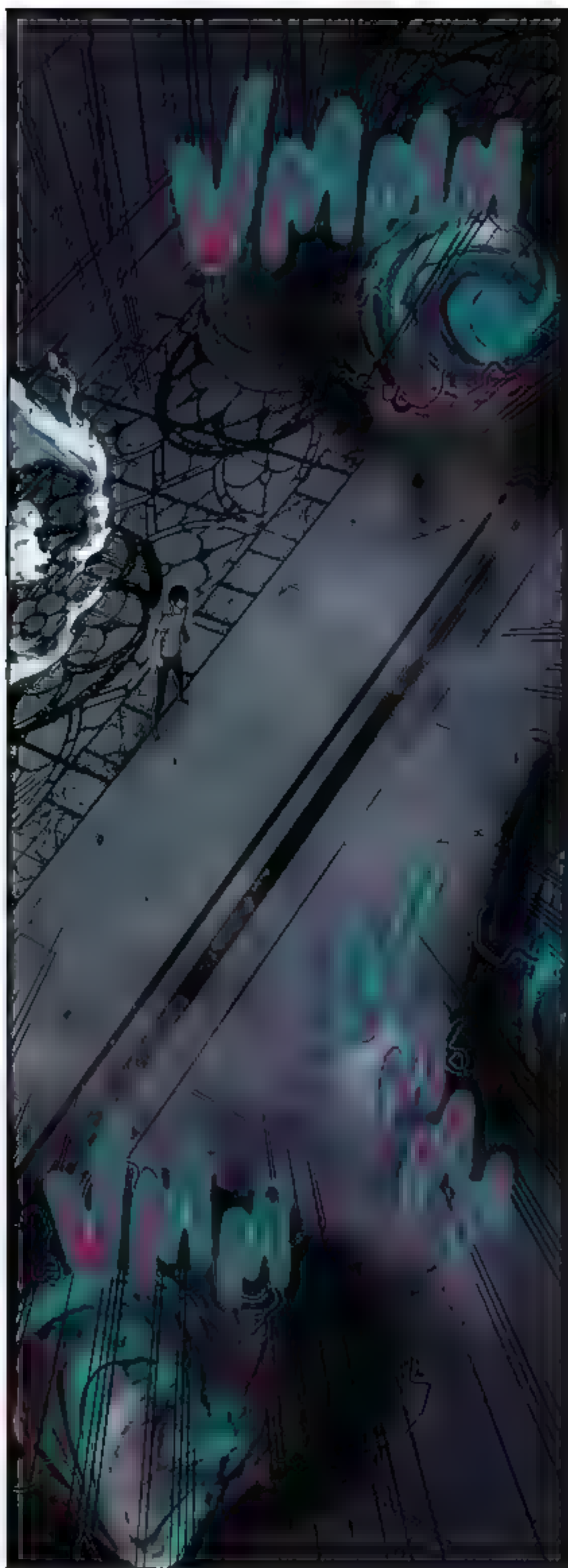
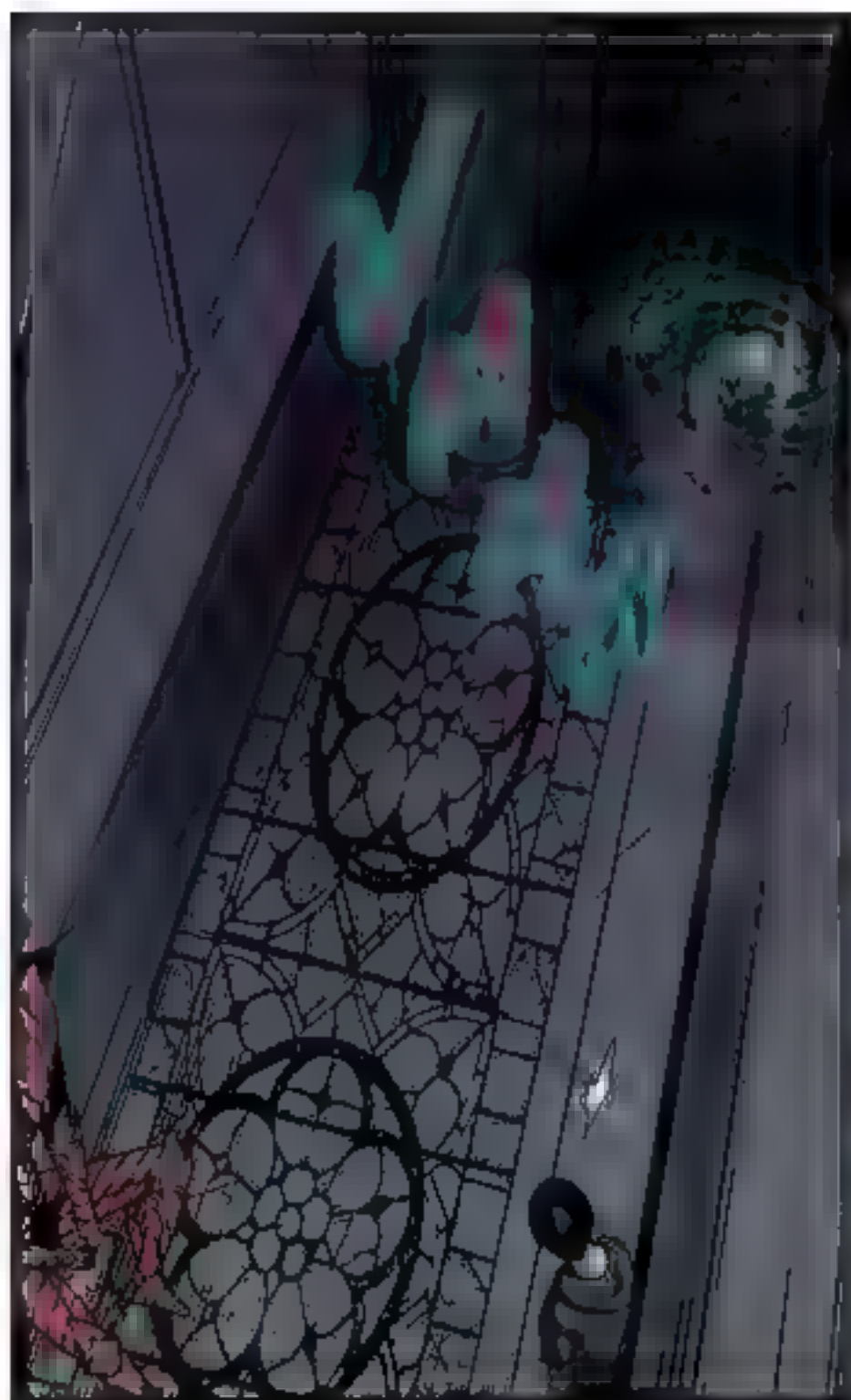
This item can be obtained only from a job-change quest. Crush the stone to be instantly teleported outside the dungeon. If unused, it will automatically be destroyed once the job-change quest ends. Cannot be stored in the inventory.

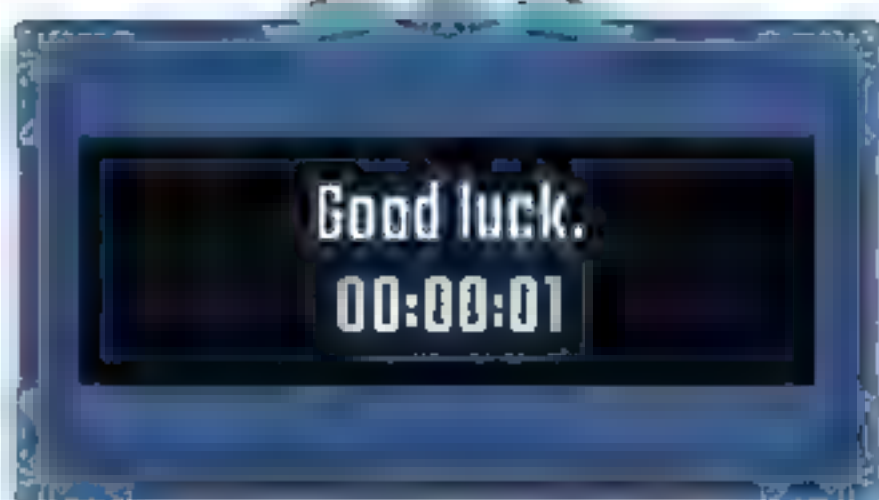


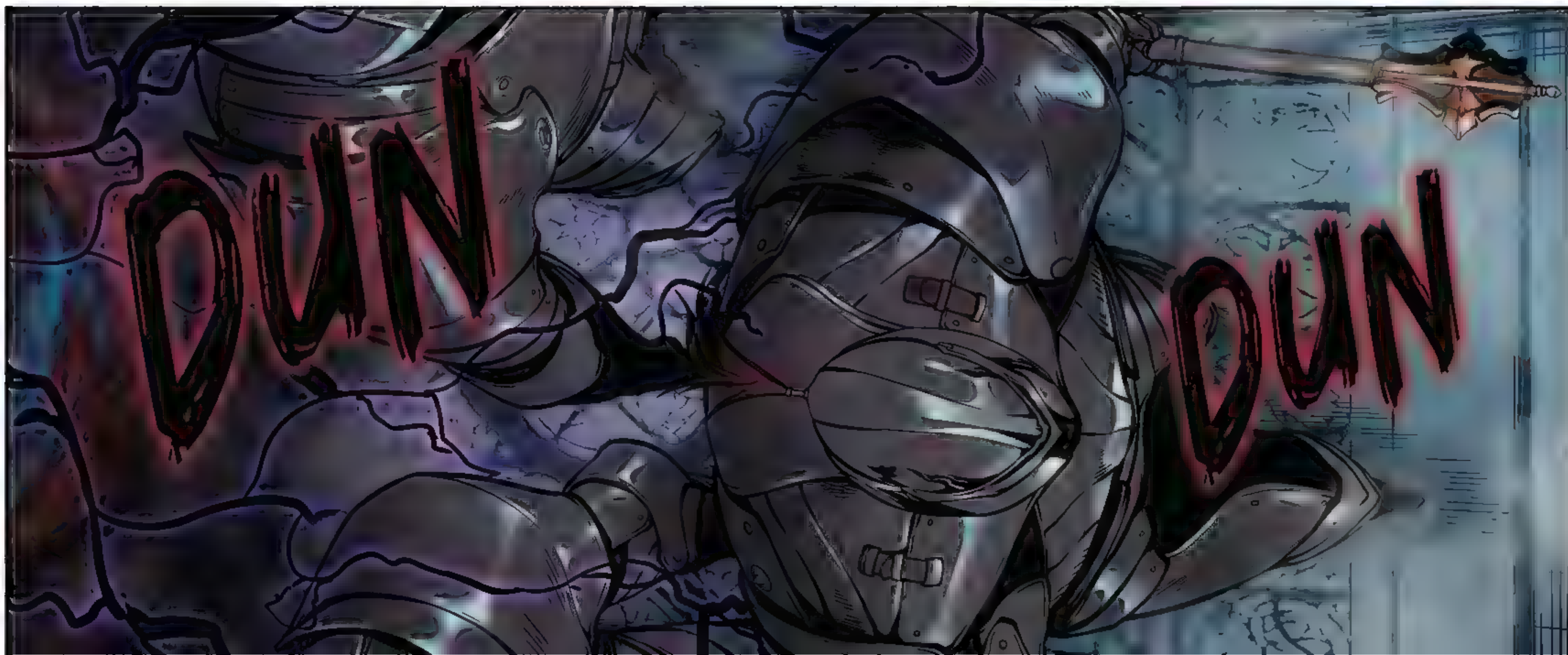
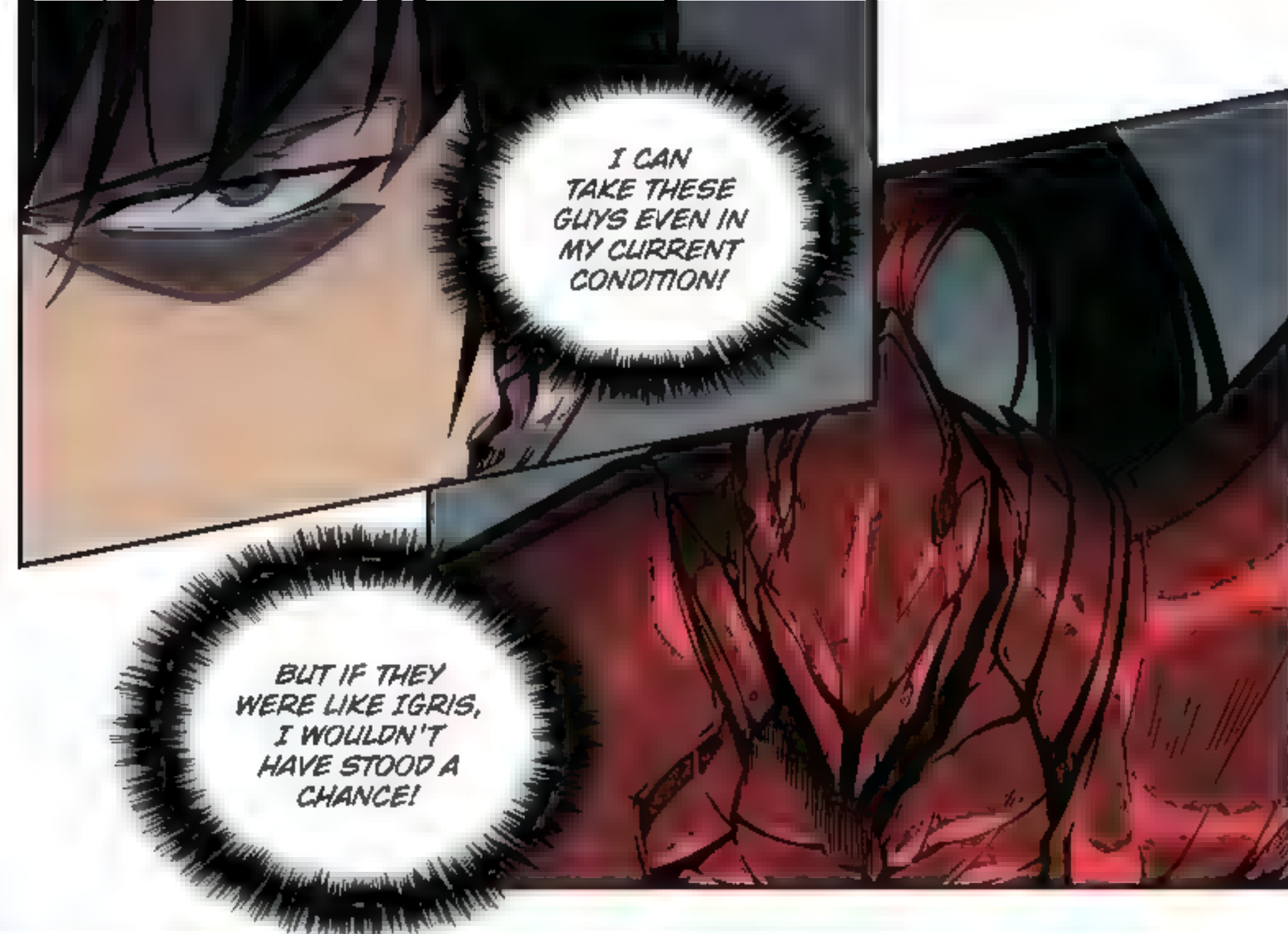
[ITEM: Leather Pouch]

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous

A pouch for carrying your belongings. It contains 1,500,000 gold.







THE TIME EQUALS
ADVANCEMENT POINTS!

THE
POSSIBILITY OF
UNLOCKING A HIDDEN
JOB CLASS INCREASES
AS THE TIMER
ADVANCES...?

THIS IS A JOB-
CHANGE QUEST
ALL RIGHT.

00:00:14

THUD

THUD

THUD

I HAVE 390
MANA LEFT.

I NEED 200
MANA TO USE
STEALTH...

THAT
LEAVES
190!

I NEED
1 MANA PER
SECOND TO
CONTINUE
STEALTH.

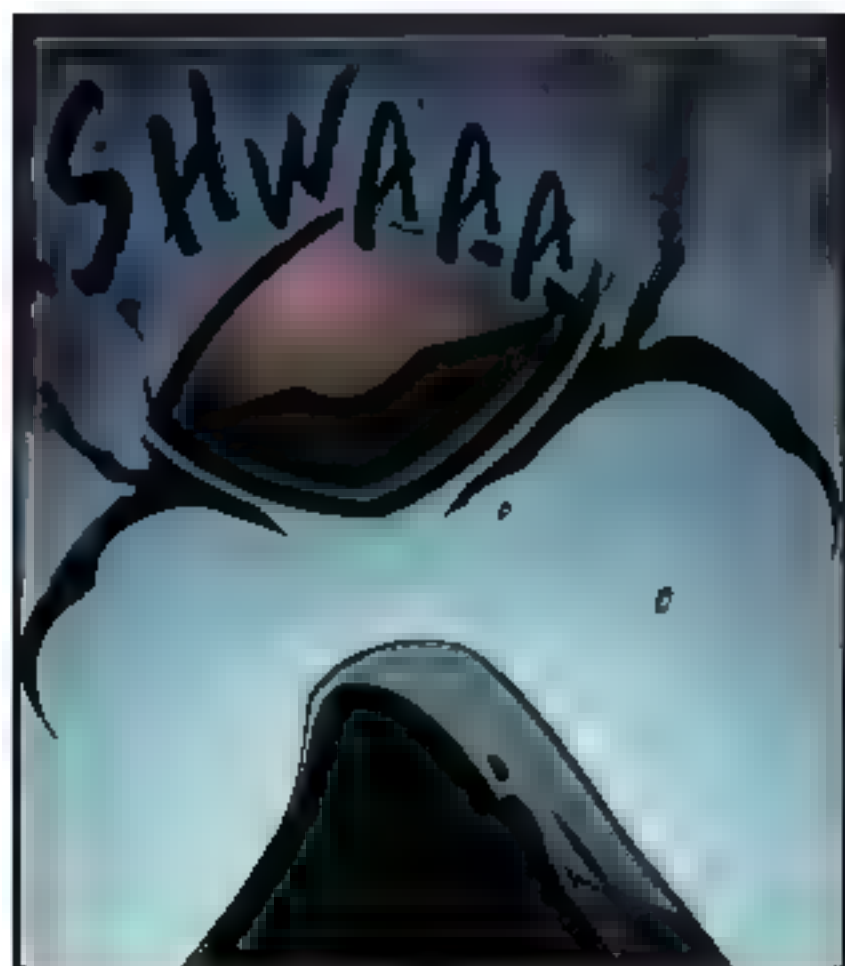
SO, I CAN
BUY ABOUT
THREE MINUTES
OF TIME.

I HAVE
ENOUGH HP
AND MP! I'LL
TRY TO LAST
AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE!

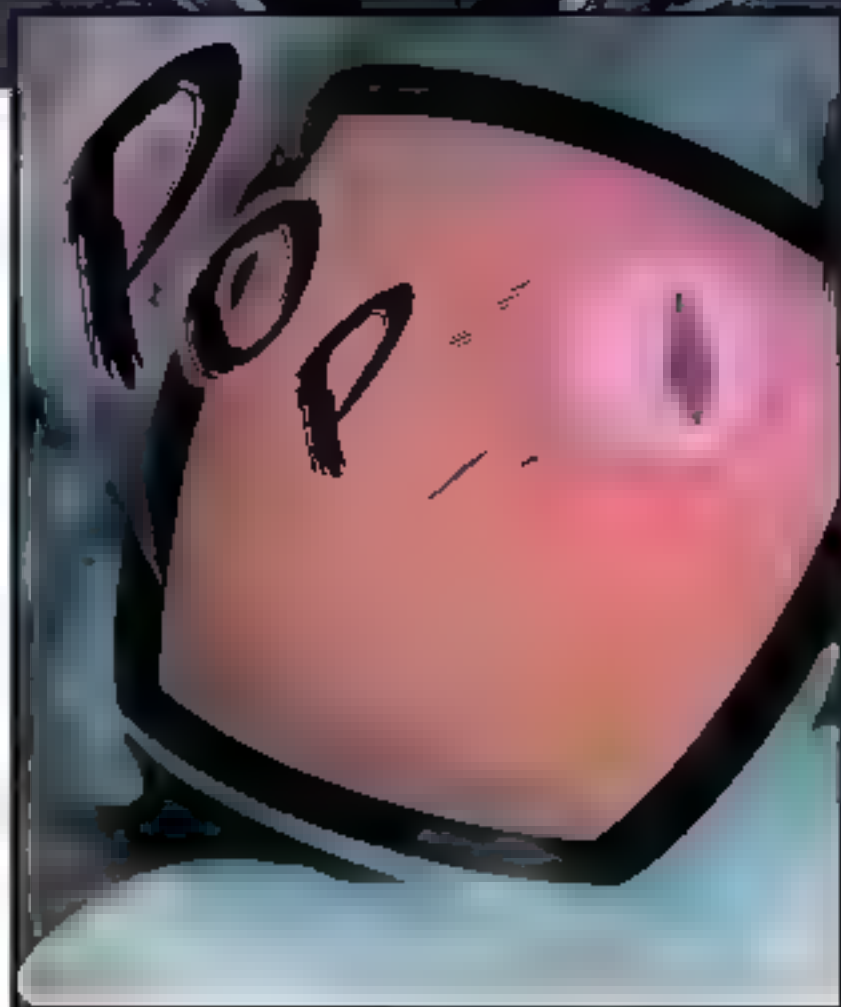
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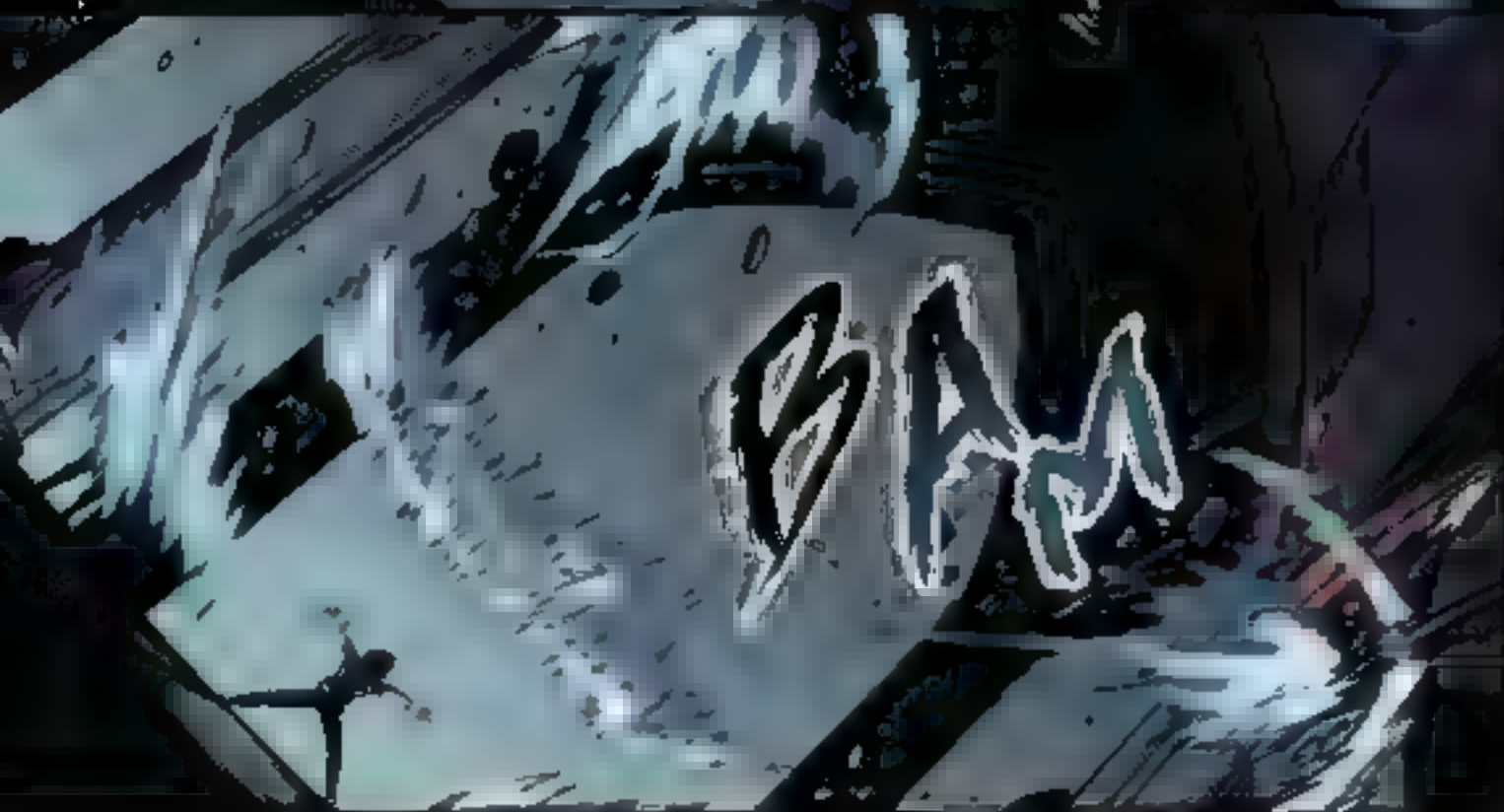
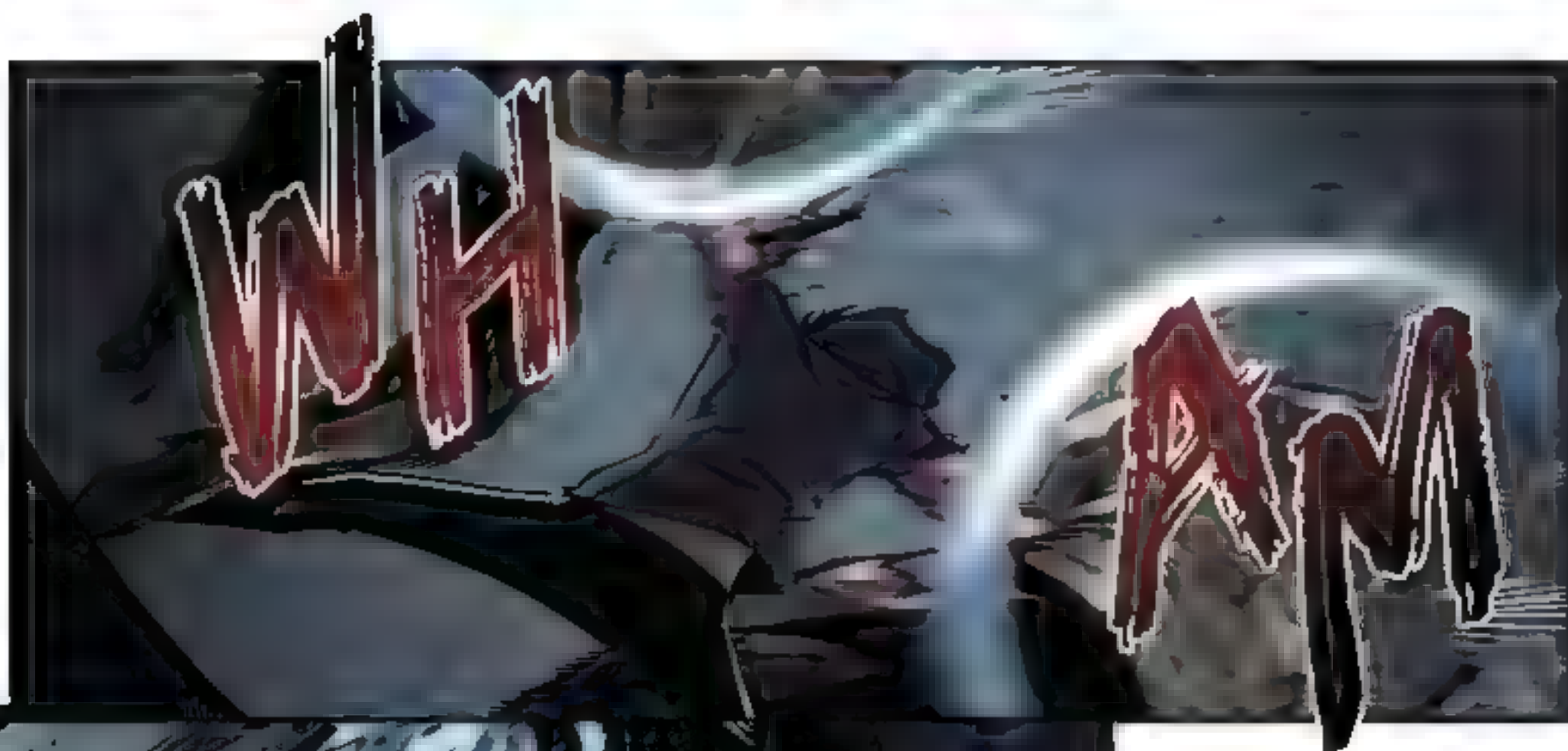
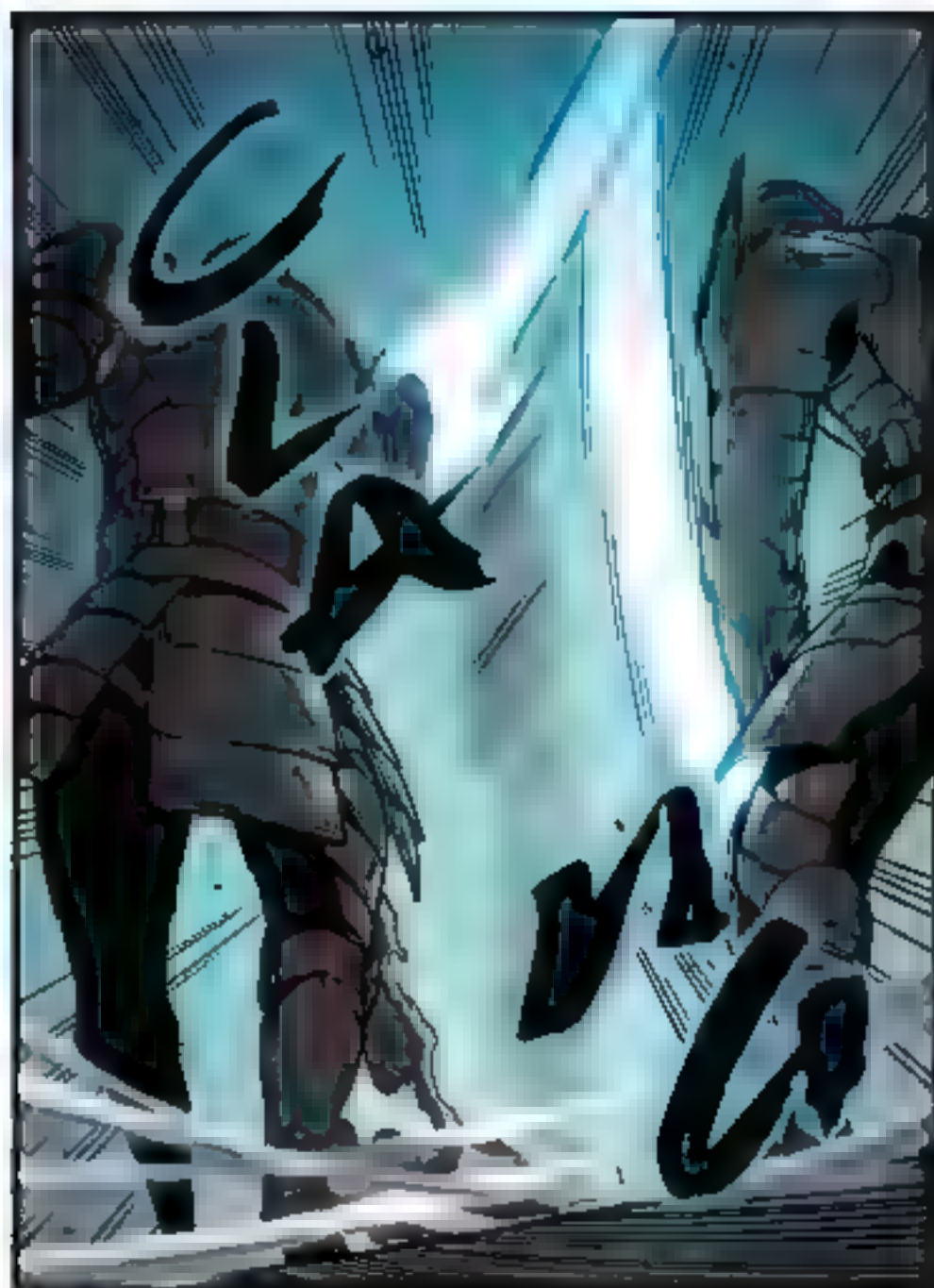
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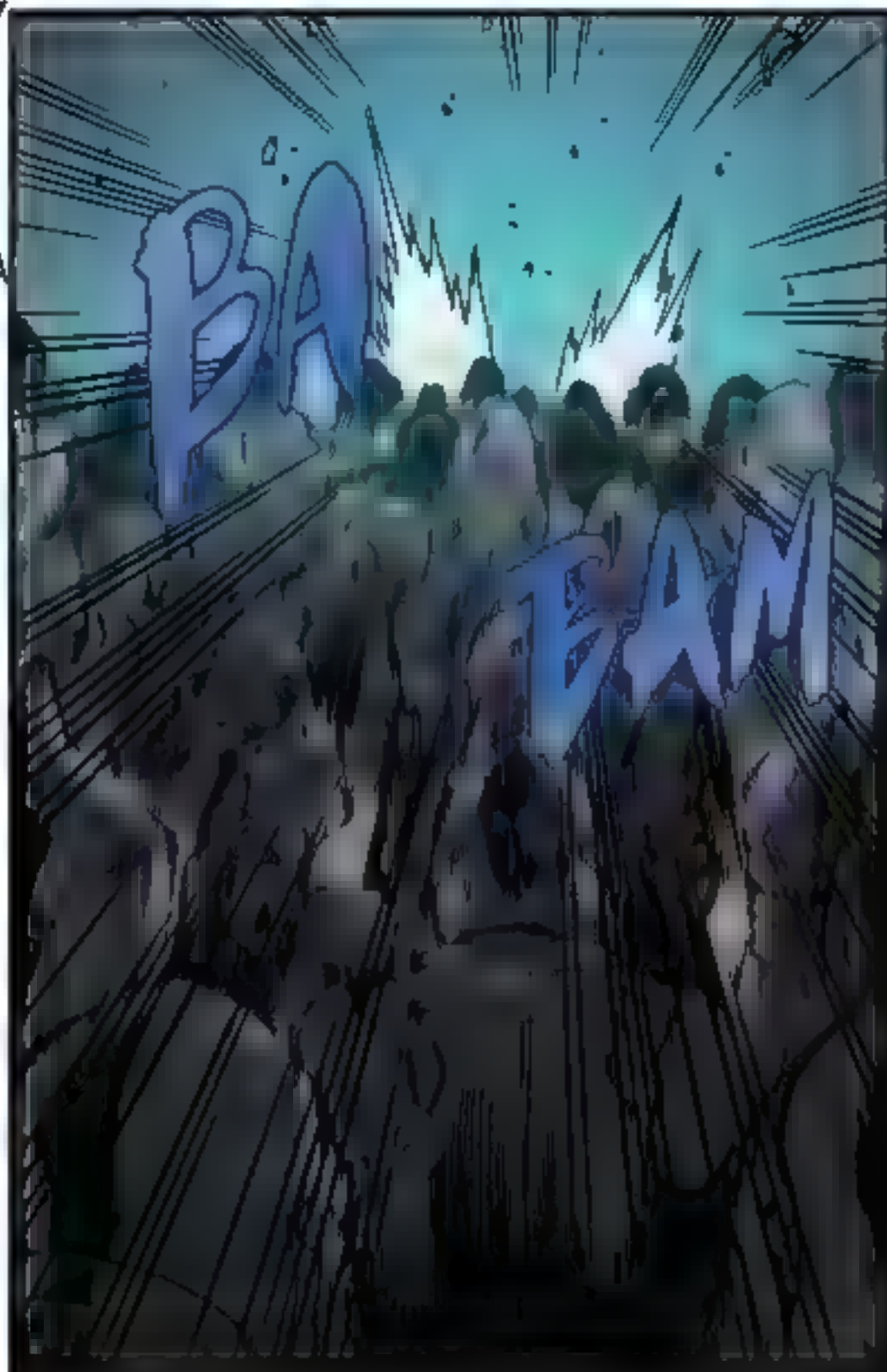
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Eyes of Detection].

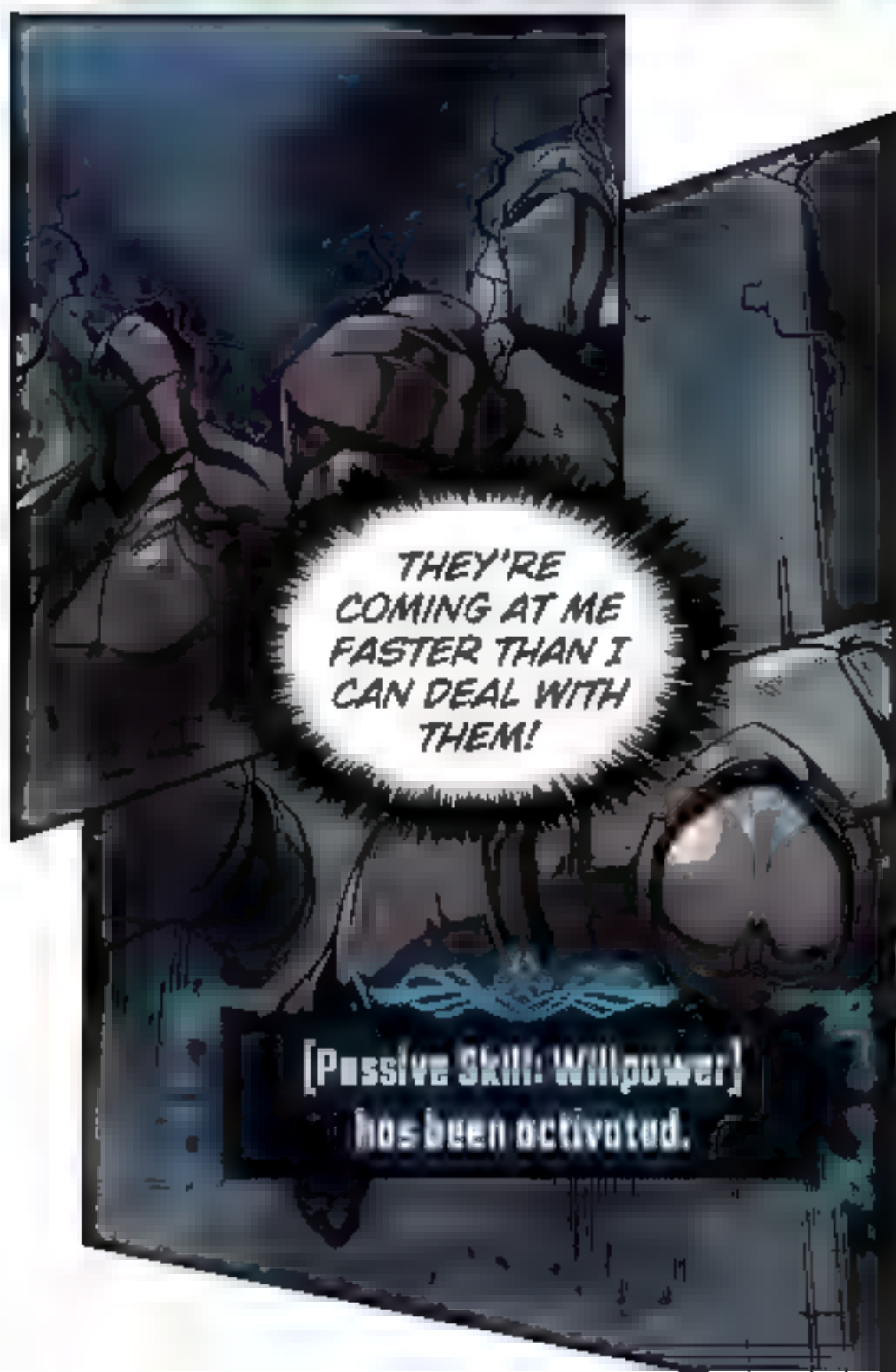
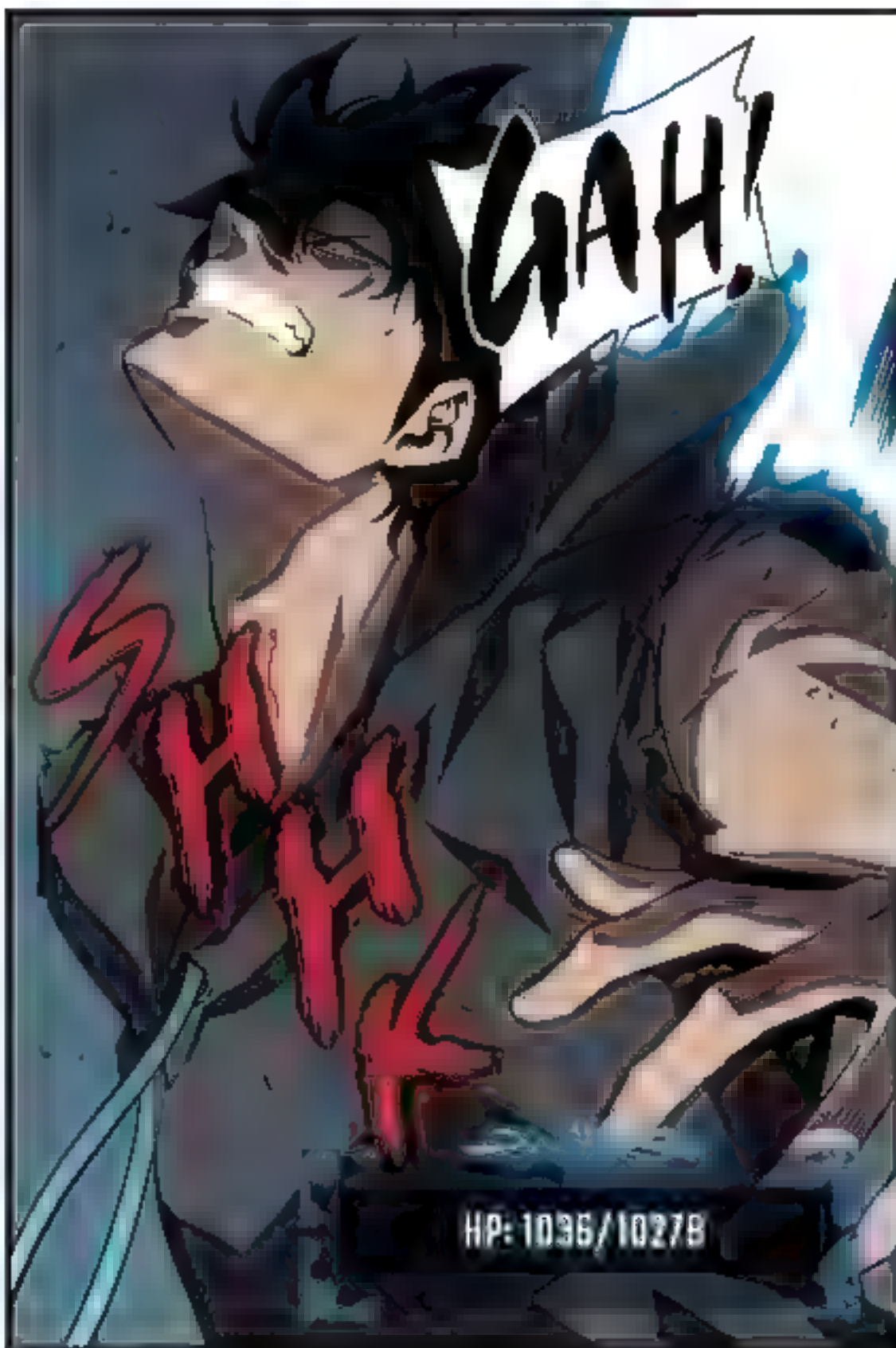


IT CAN
SEE ME?!



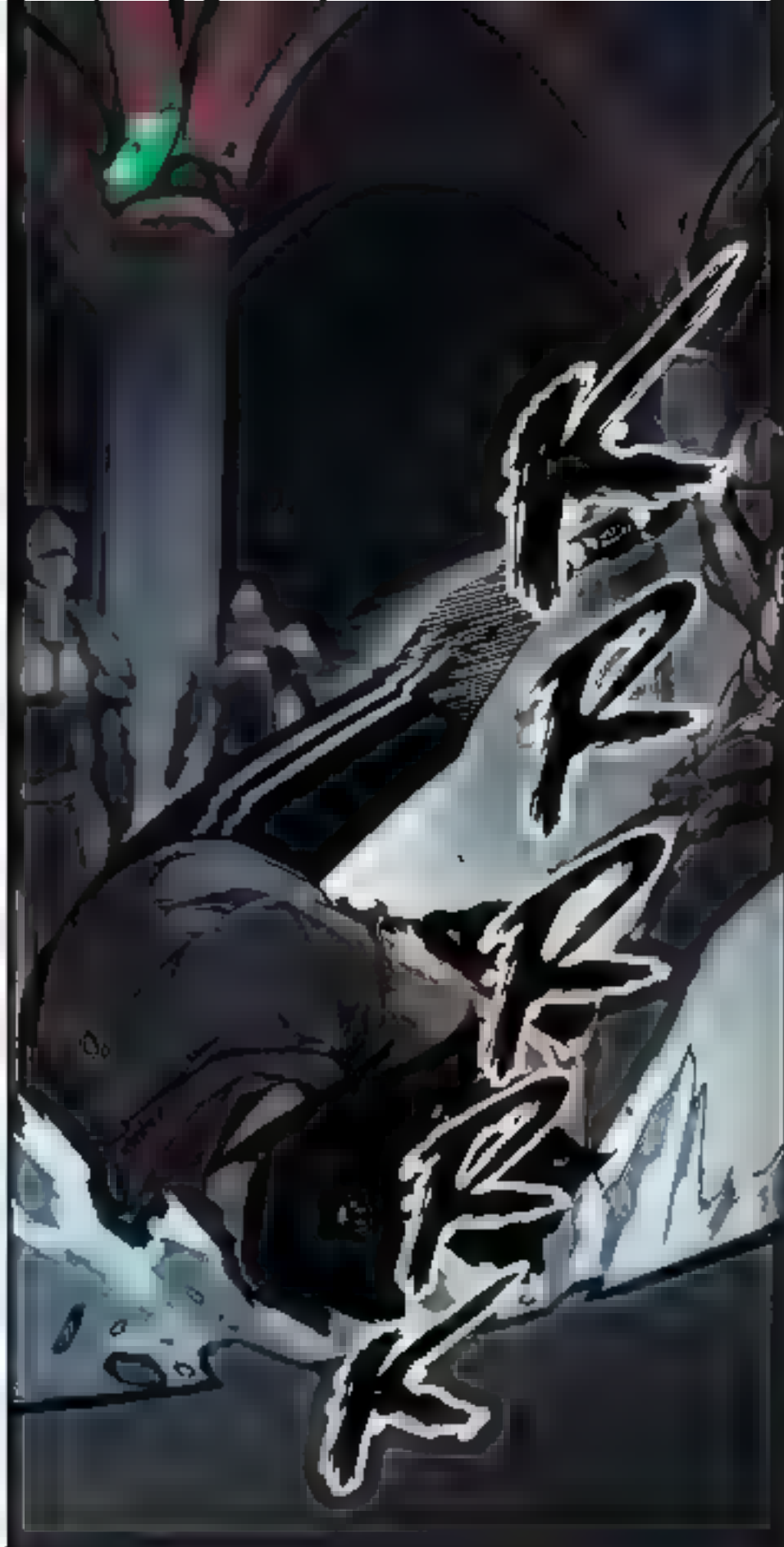














...I DESPERATELY WANTED
TO CLIMB HIGHER.

I KNOW HOW AWFUL IT
FEELS TO BE WEAKER
THAN EVERYONE ELSE.

E-RANKS ARE
USELESS...

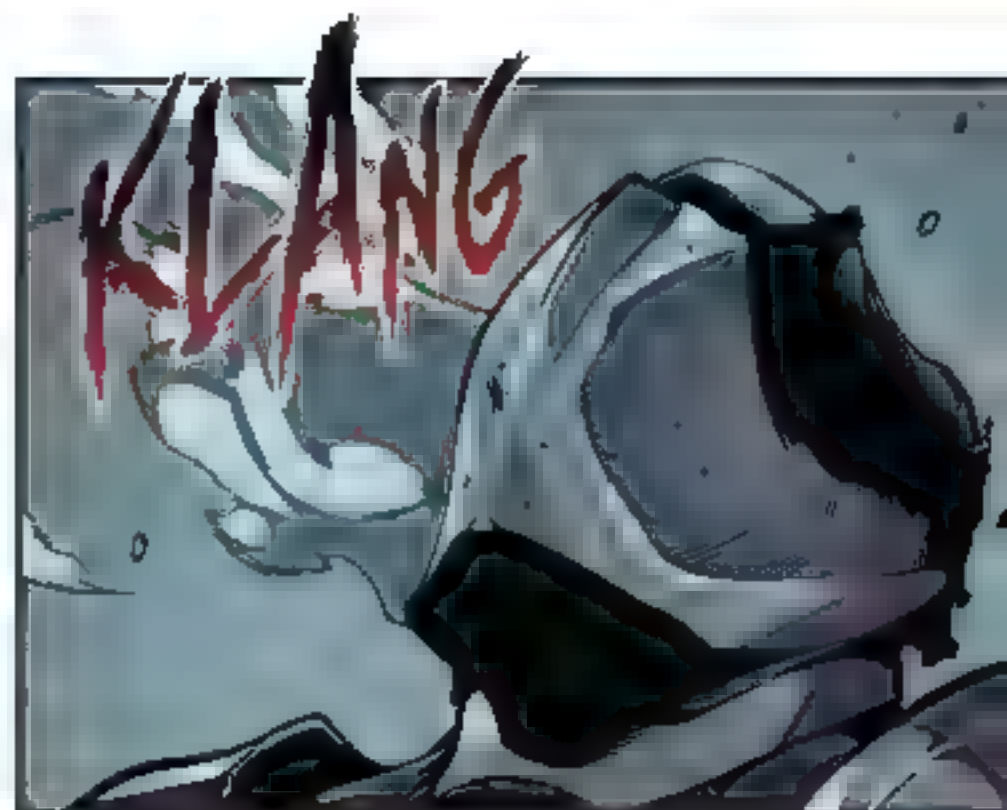
WHY DIDN'T
THE ASSOCIATION
SEND SOMEONE
HELPFUL?

THAT GUY IS...
HAAAAH...



HE SURVIVES BY
COWERING BEHIND
OTHER HUNTERS!

HOW CAN HE CALL
HIMSELF A HUNTER IF
HE CAN'T EVEN KILL A
MAGIC BEAST?

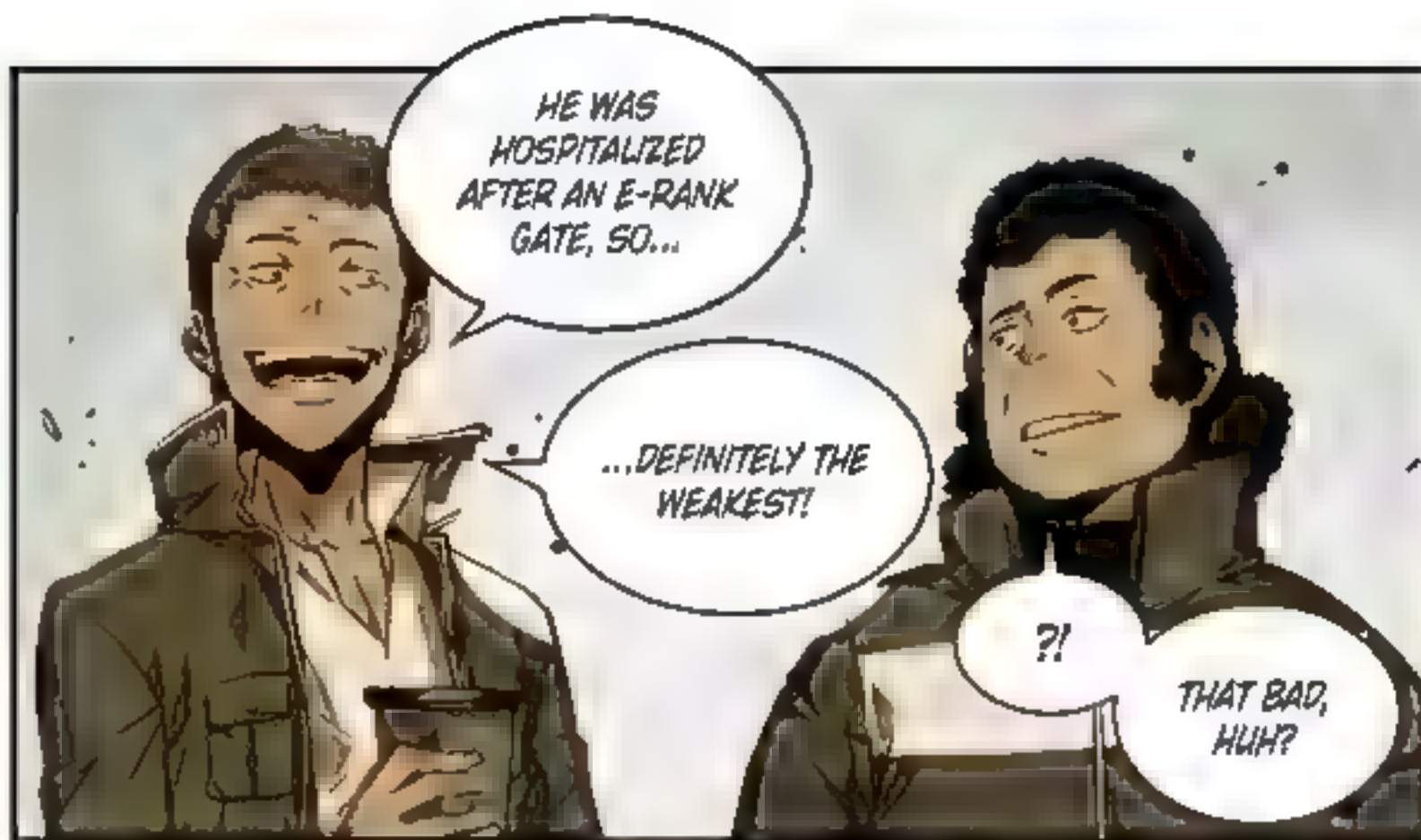




HIS NICKNAME
IS "THE WEAKEST
HUNTER OF ALL
MANKIND."

THE WEAKEST?
NOT SOME ULTIMATE
WEAPON?

COME ON.
THAT'S WHAT THEY
CALL JONGIN CHOI,
THE S-RANK HUNTER.
SLUNG'S NICKNAME IS
THE WEAKEST
HUNTER.



HE WAS
HOSPITALIZED
AFTER AN E-RANK
GATE, SO...

...DEFINITELY THE
WEAKEST!

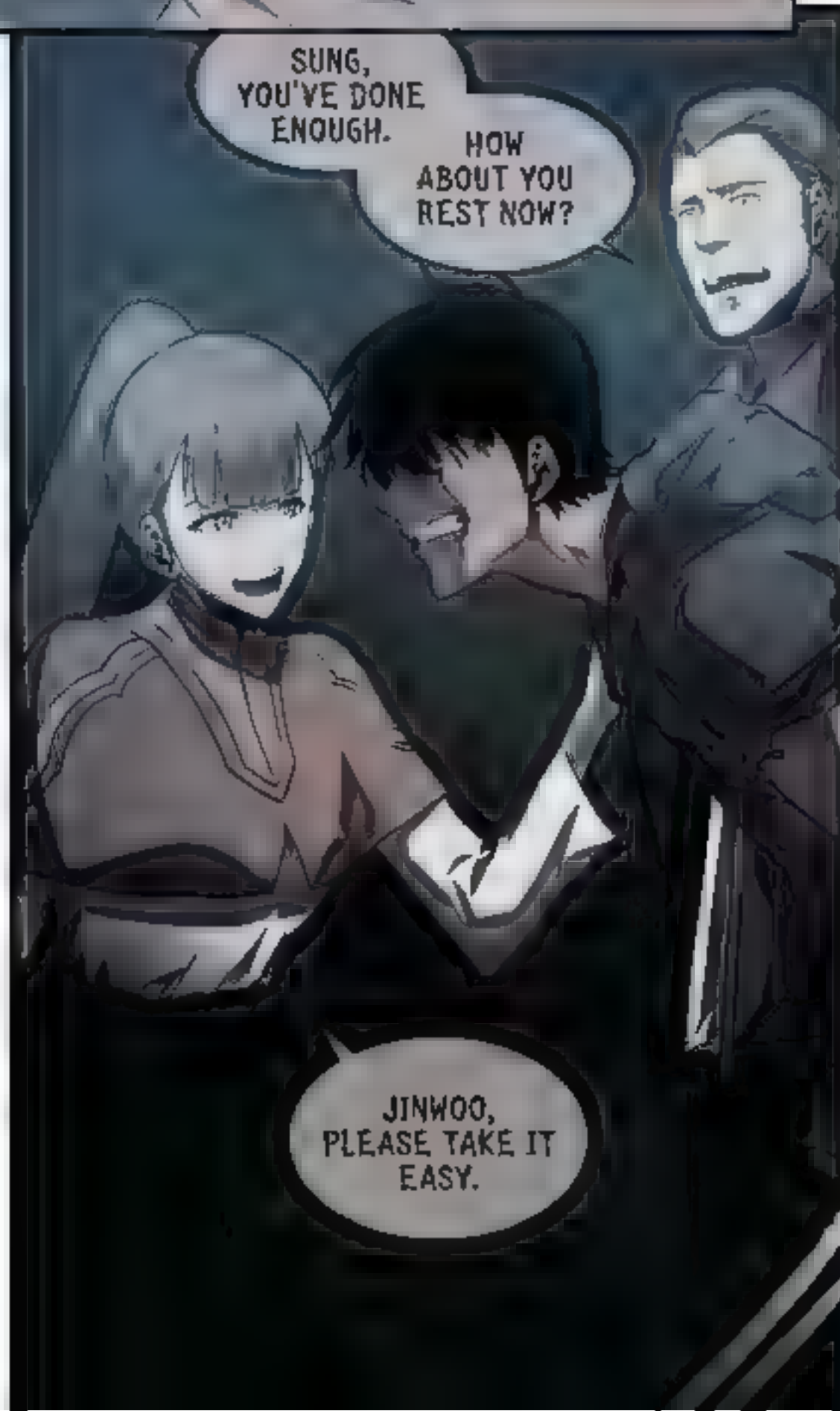
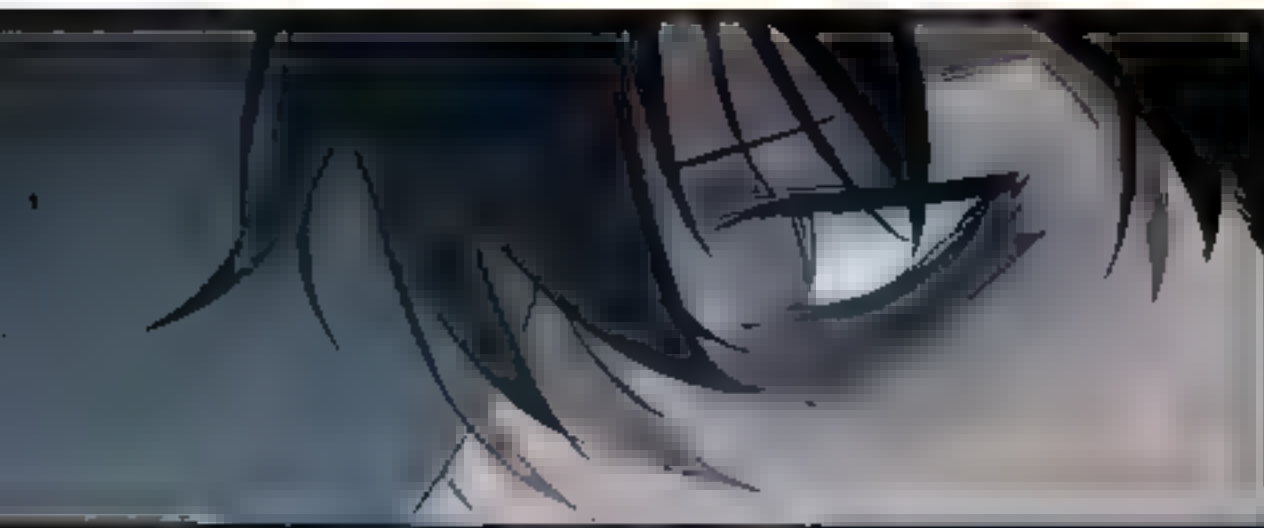
?!
THAT BAD,
HUH?



HIM BEING HERE
MEANS TODAY'S
DUNGEON ISN'T THAT
DANGEROUS.

OHH,
I SEE.

SHH,
HE MIGHT
HEAR US.
HA-HA...



SUNG,
YOU'VE DONE
ENOUGH.

HOW
ABOUT YOU
REST NOW?

JINWOO,
PLEASE TAKE IT
EASY.



THIS IS ALL
YOUR FAULT,
ISN'T IT?

WHY DID YOU
CHOOSE A DANGEROUS
PATH WHEN THERE
WAS A SAFE WAY
TO GO?



AREN'T YOU ALREADY
LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE
BECOME THIS MUCH
STRONGER THAN AN
E-RANK HUNTER?

DON'T YOU
THINK?

JINWOO
SUNG.





WOW, IS THAT
REALLY ME?



I CAN'T BELIEVE
WE'RE THE SAME
PERSON!

YOU'VE
GOTTEN TALLER AND
FITTER—YOU'VE GOT
MUSCLES IN ALL THE
RIGHT PLACES.

YOU
ACTUALLY LOOK
STRONG.



BUT ALL
THAT'S CHANGED
IS PHYSICAL.

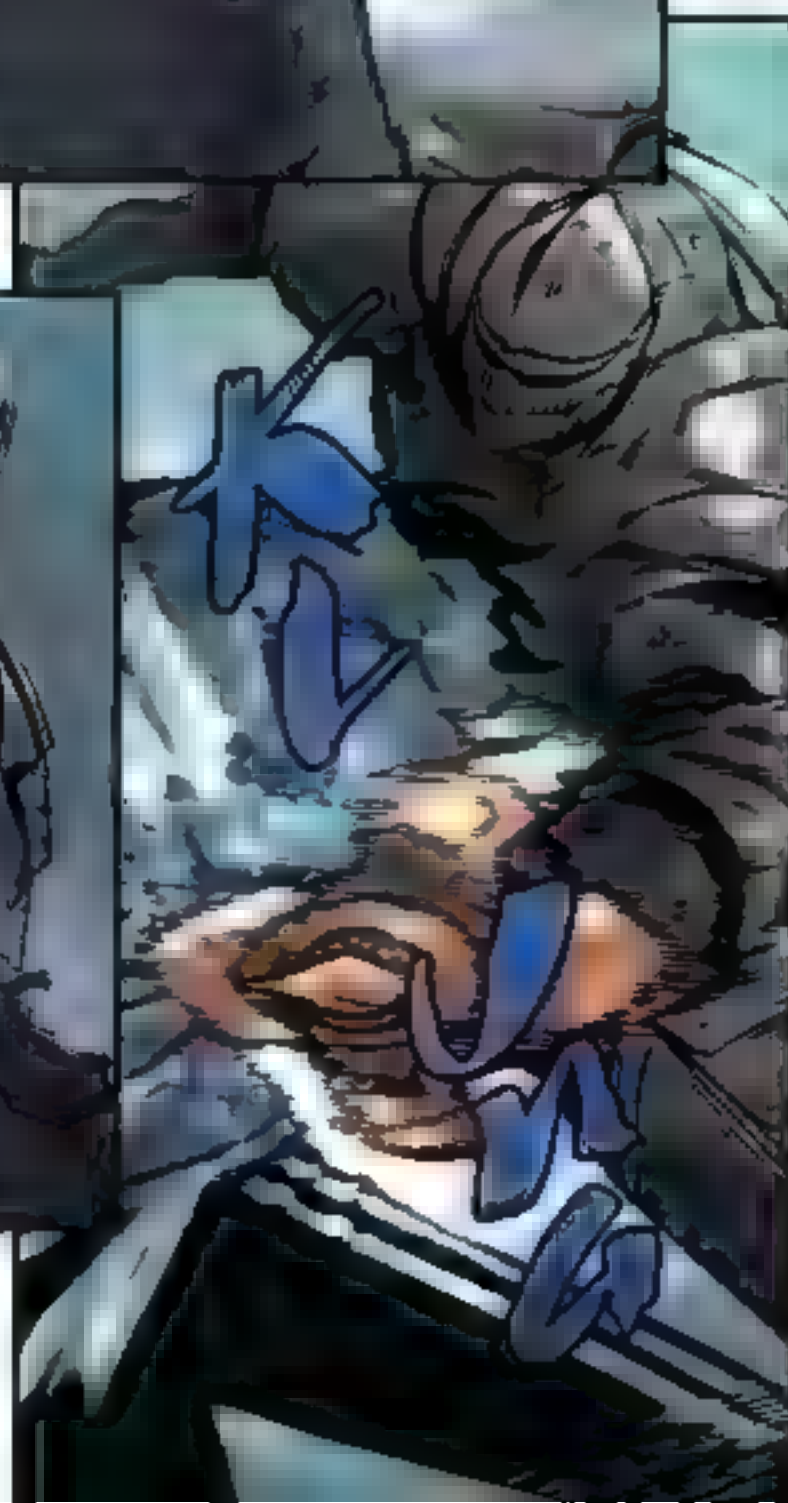
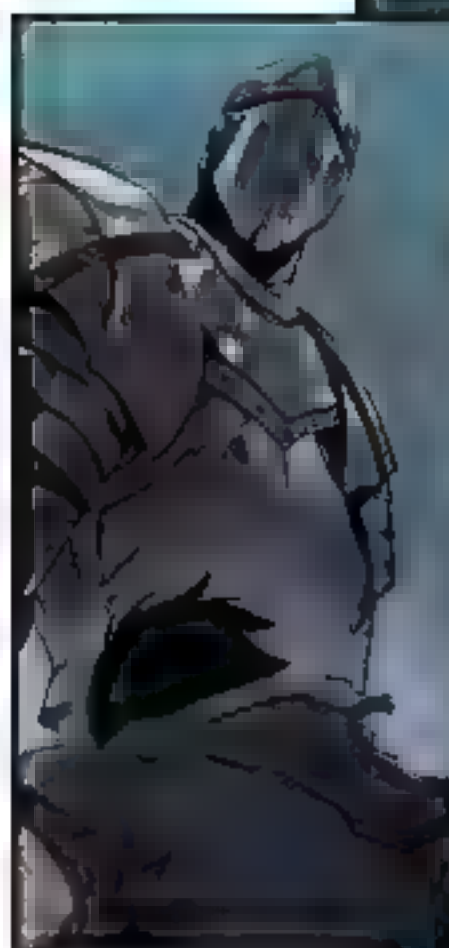
YOU'RE STILL
WEAK.

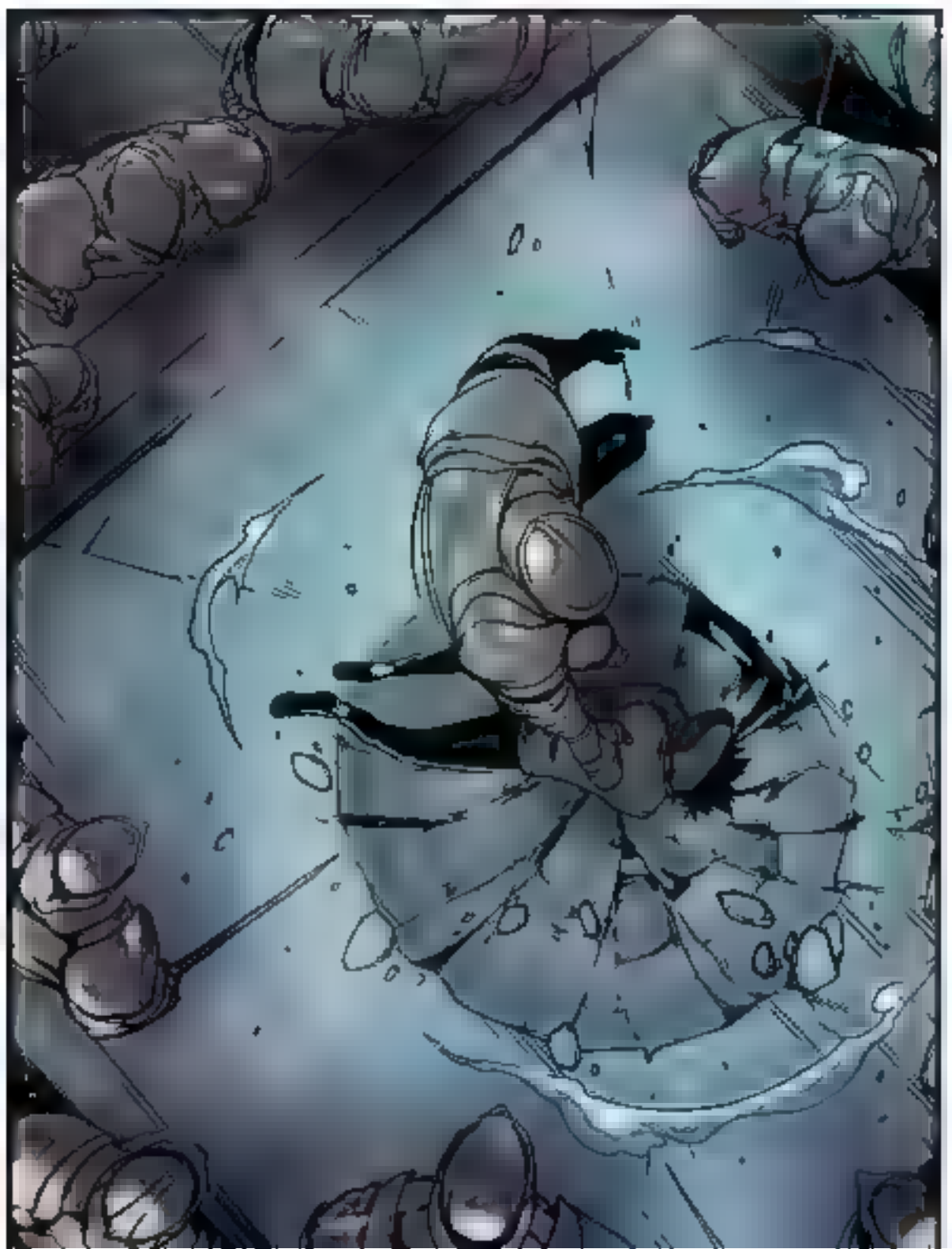
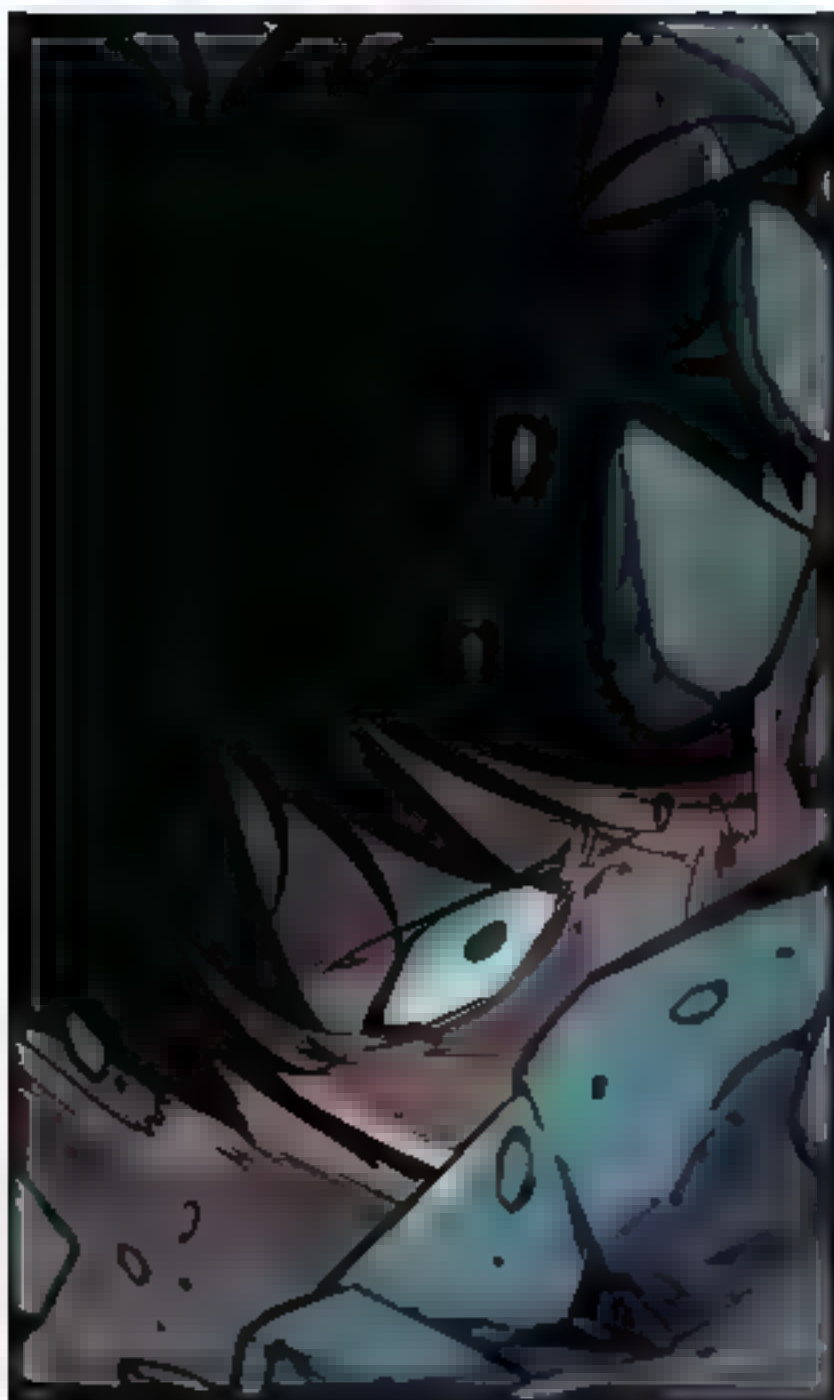


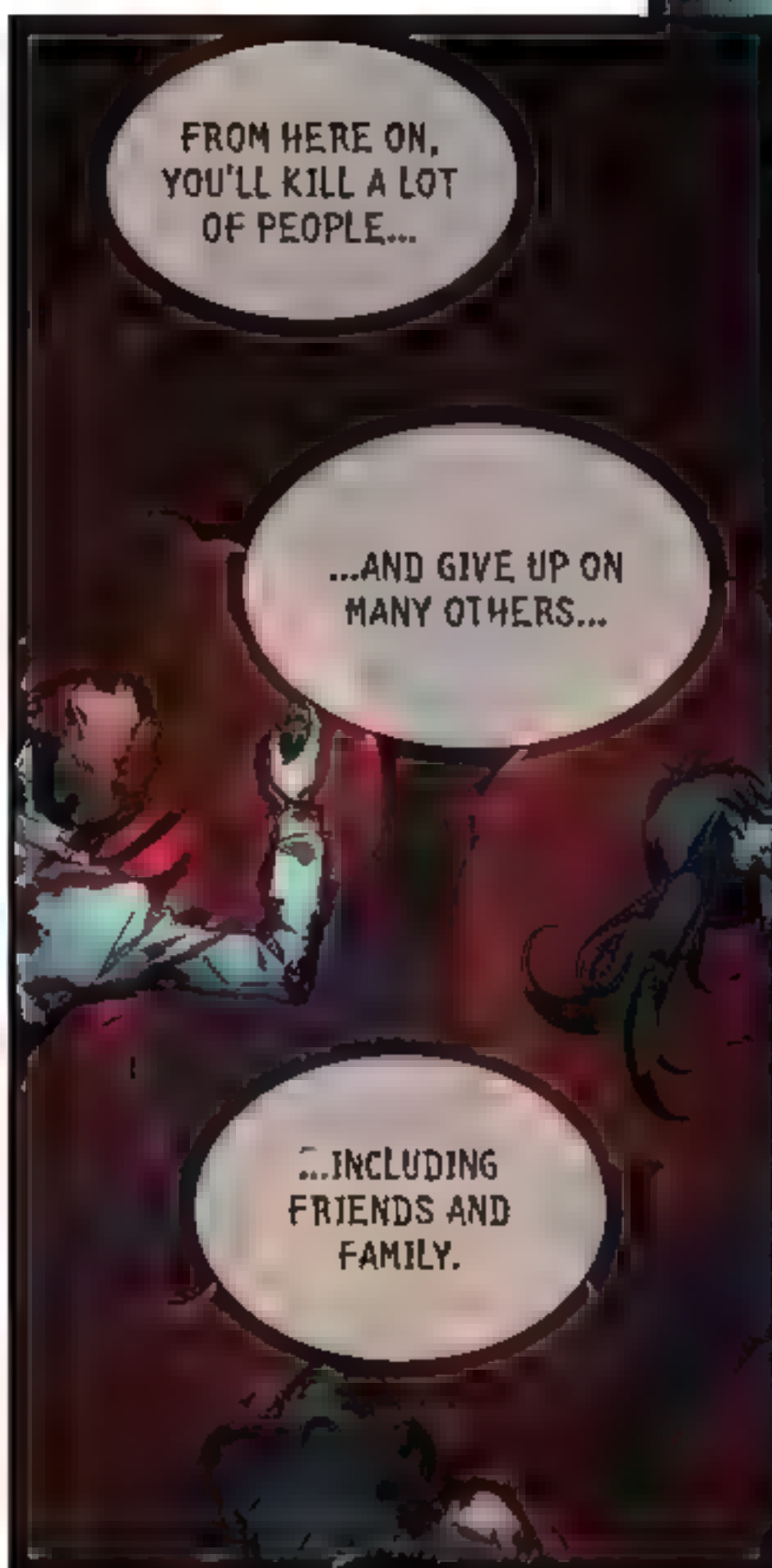
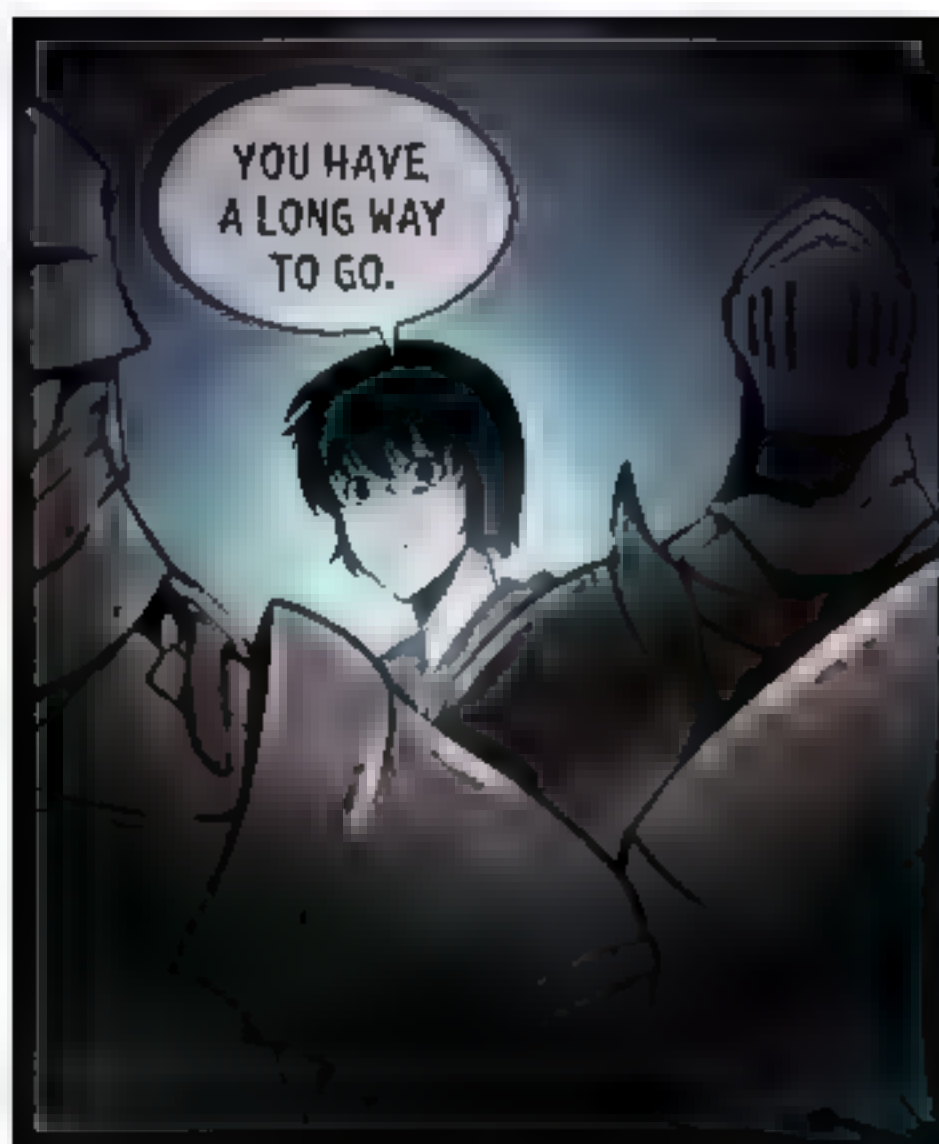
WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN YOU
AND ME?

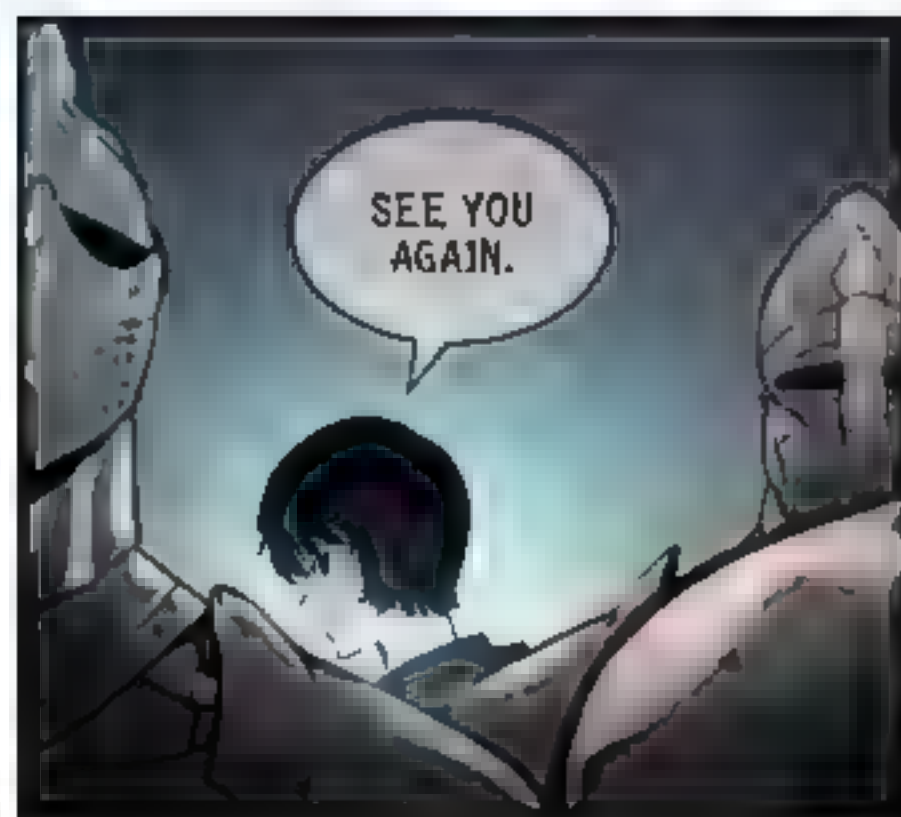
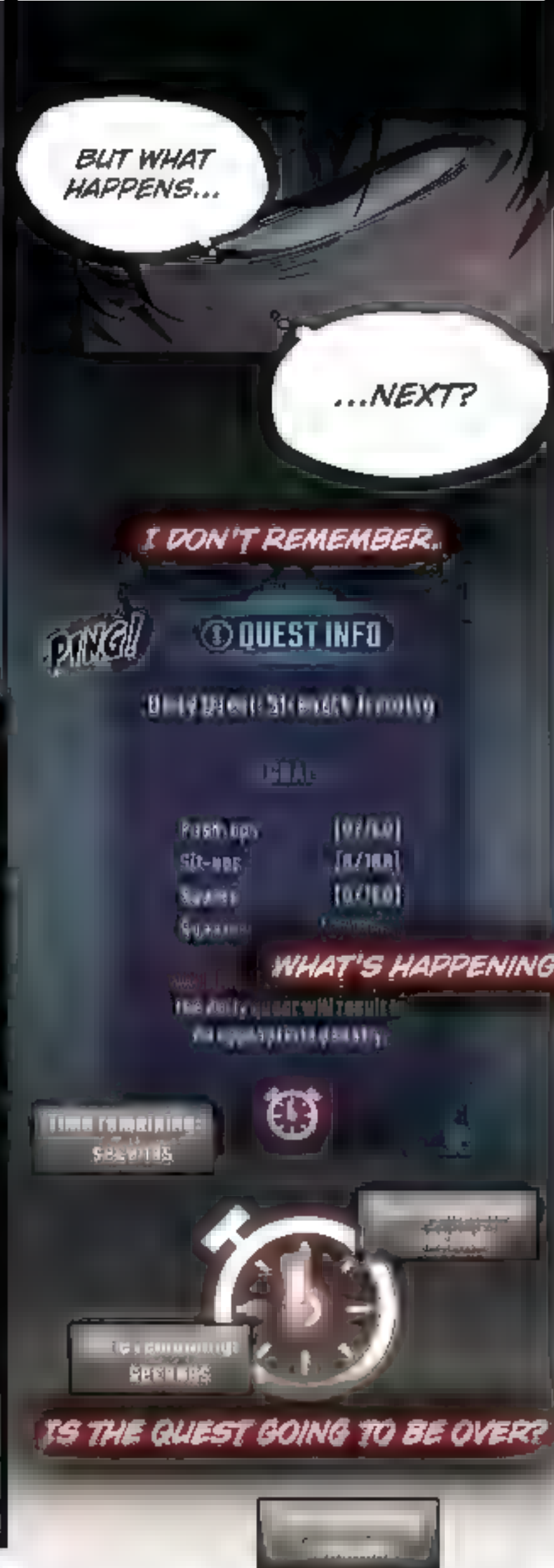
YOU'RE FACING
DEATH AGAIN
ANYWAY.











5 seconds

Time remaining:
seconds

 NOTIFICATION

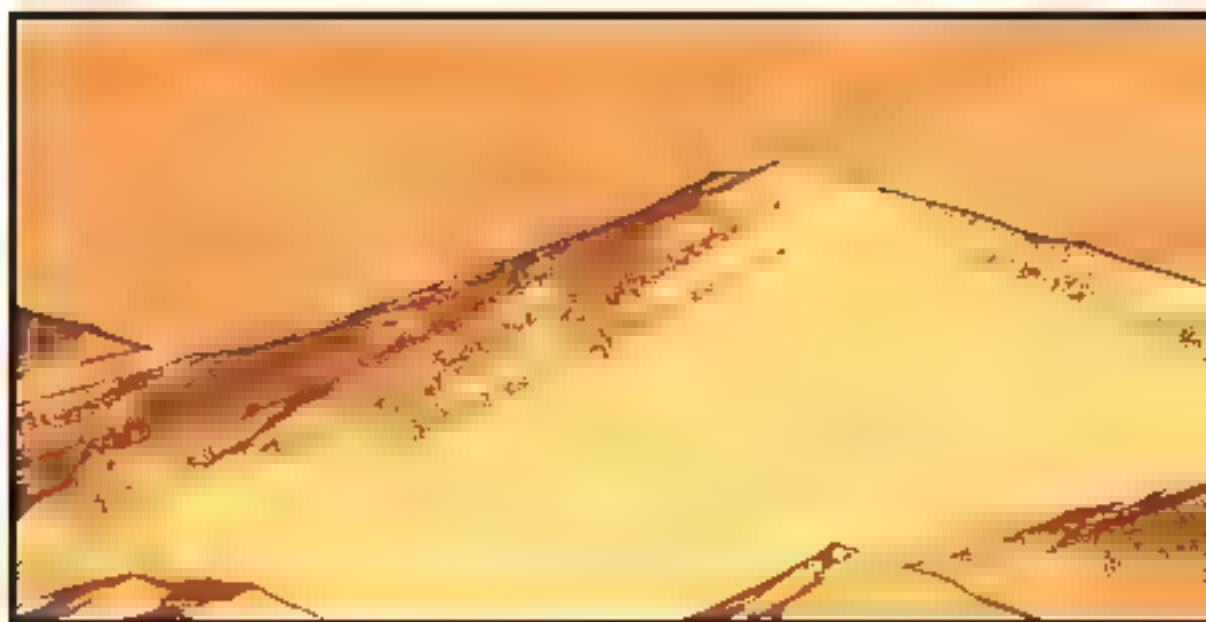
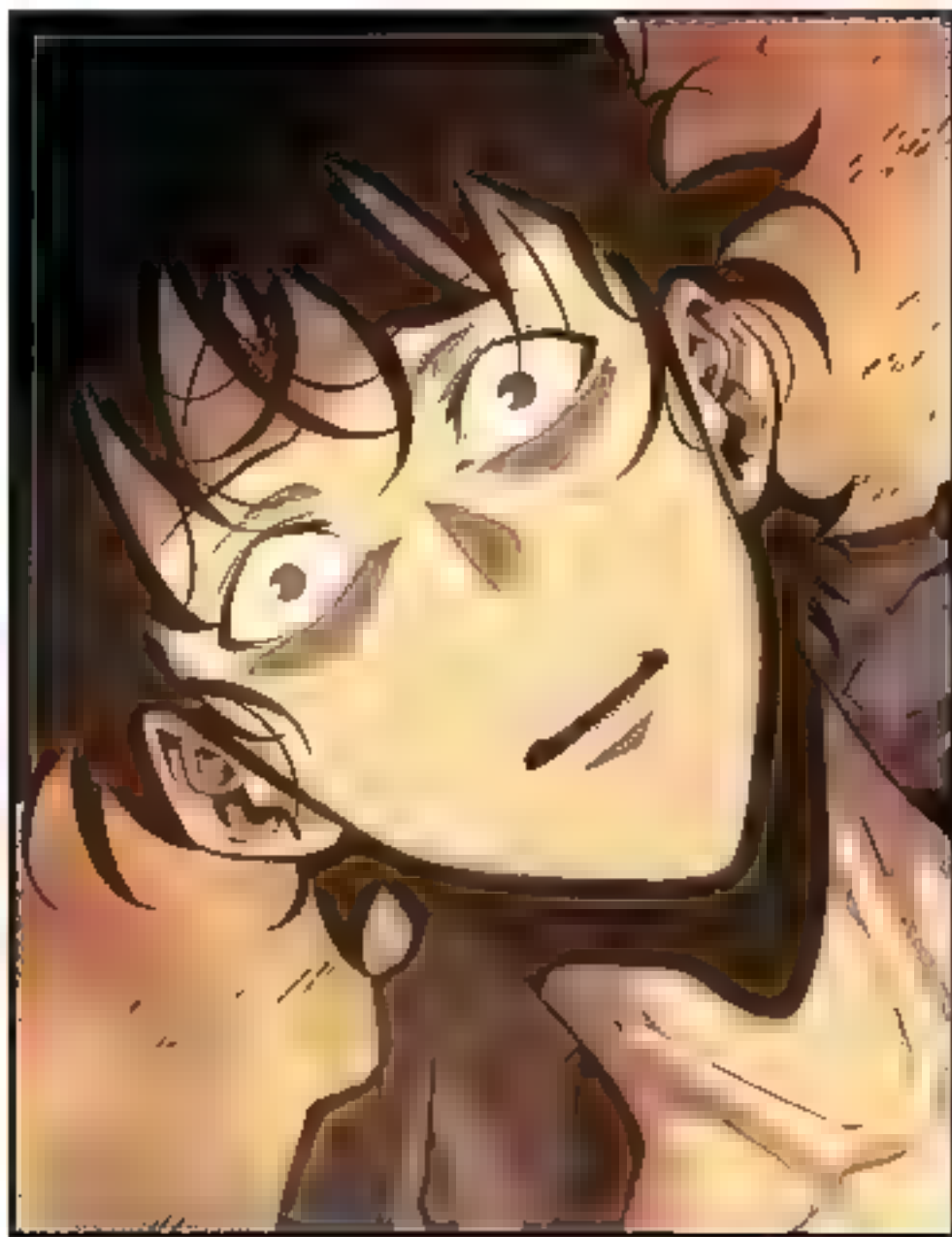
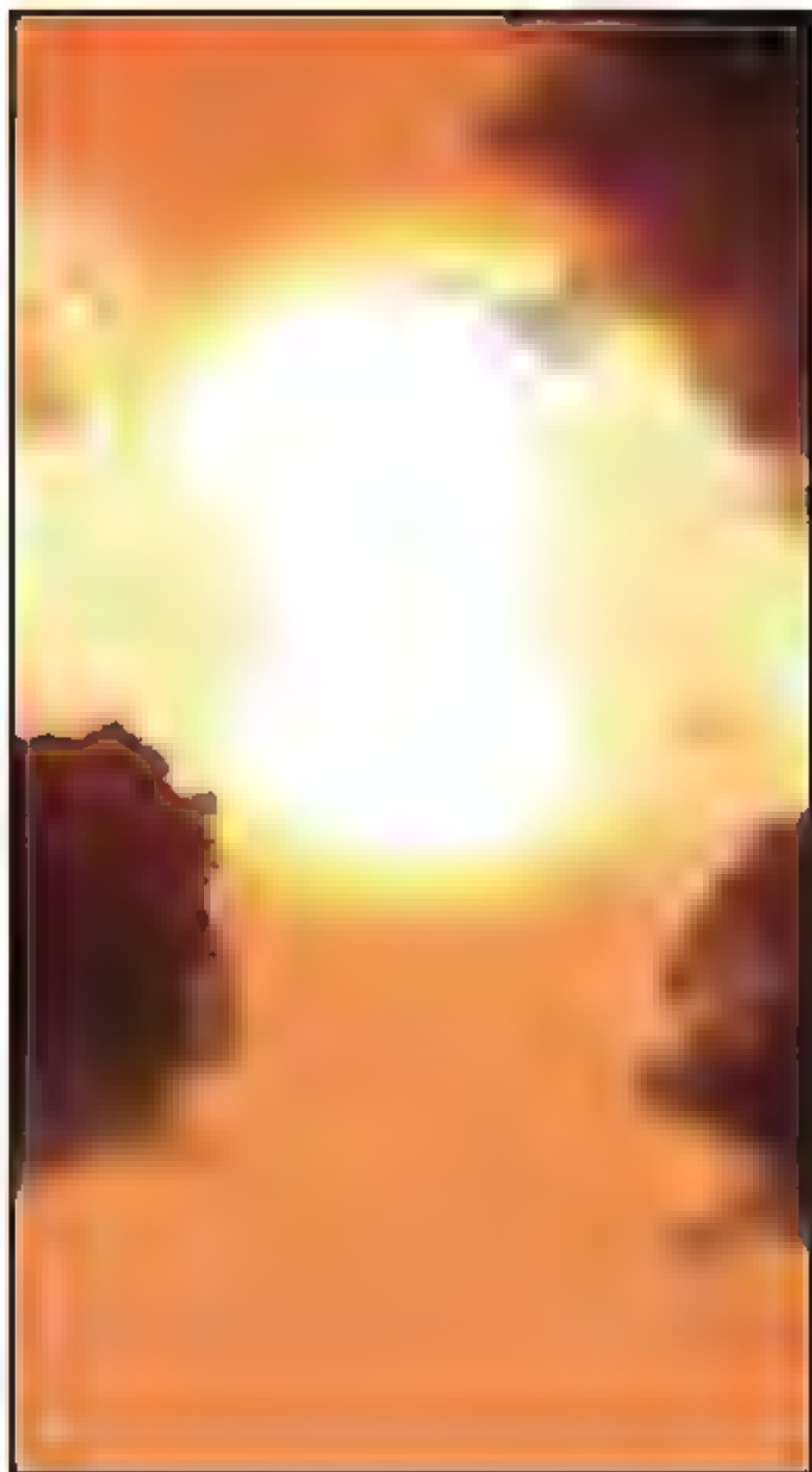
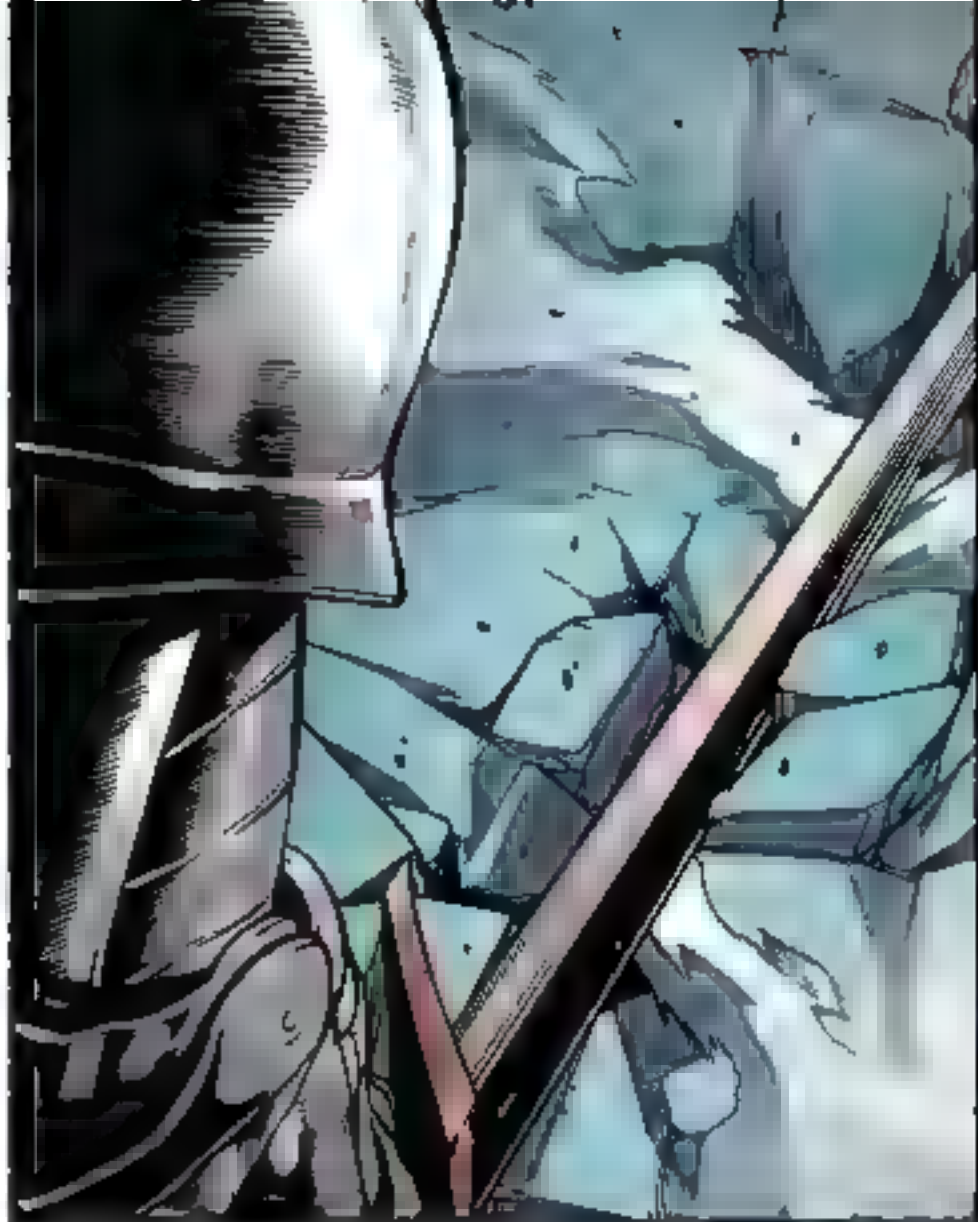
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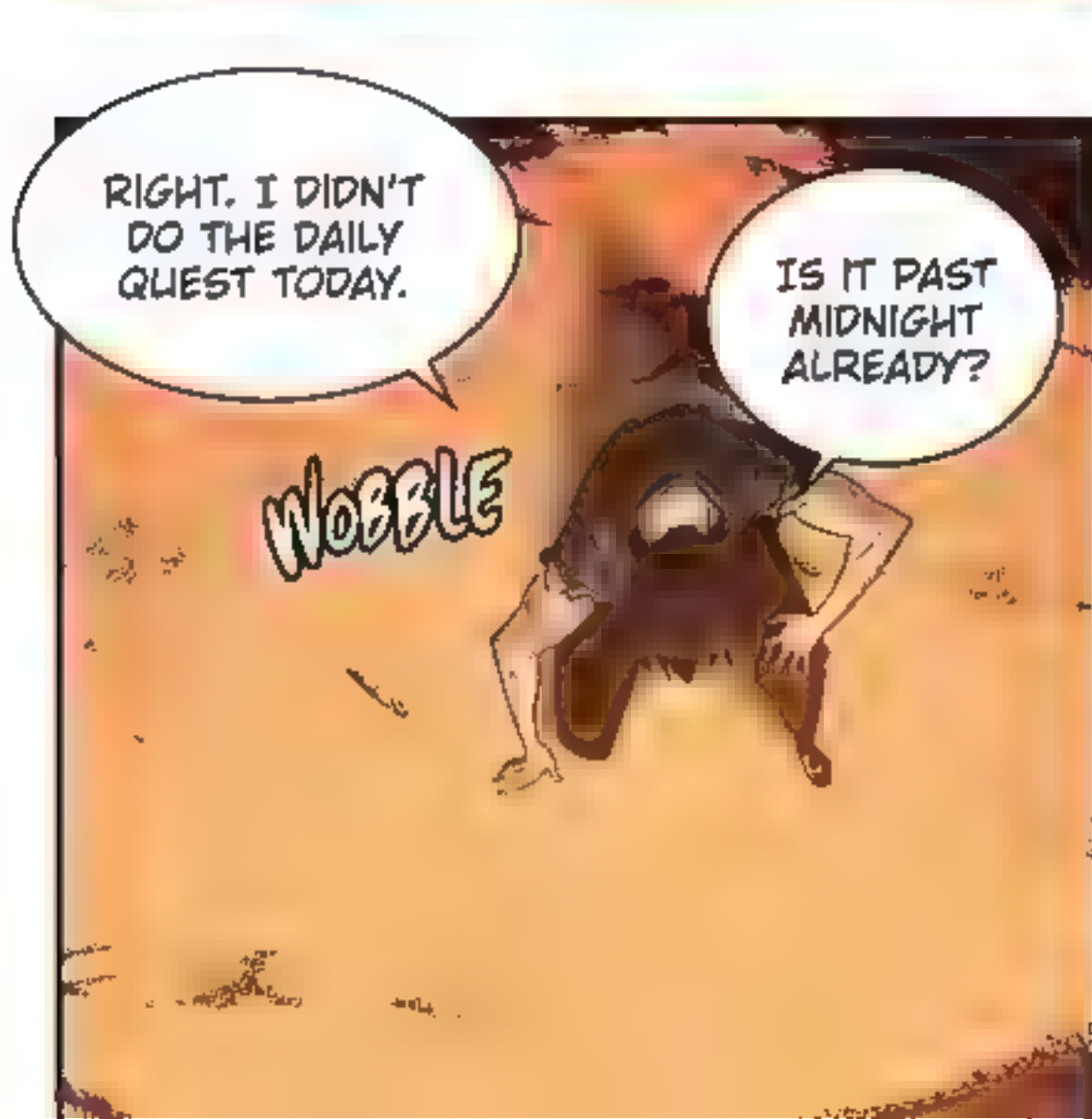
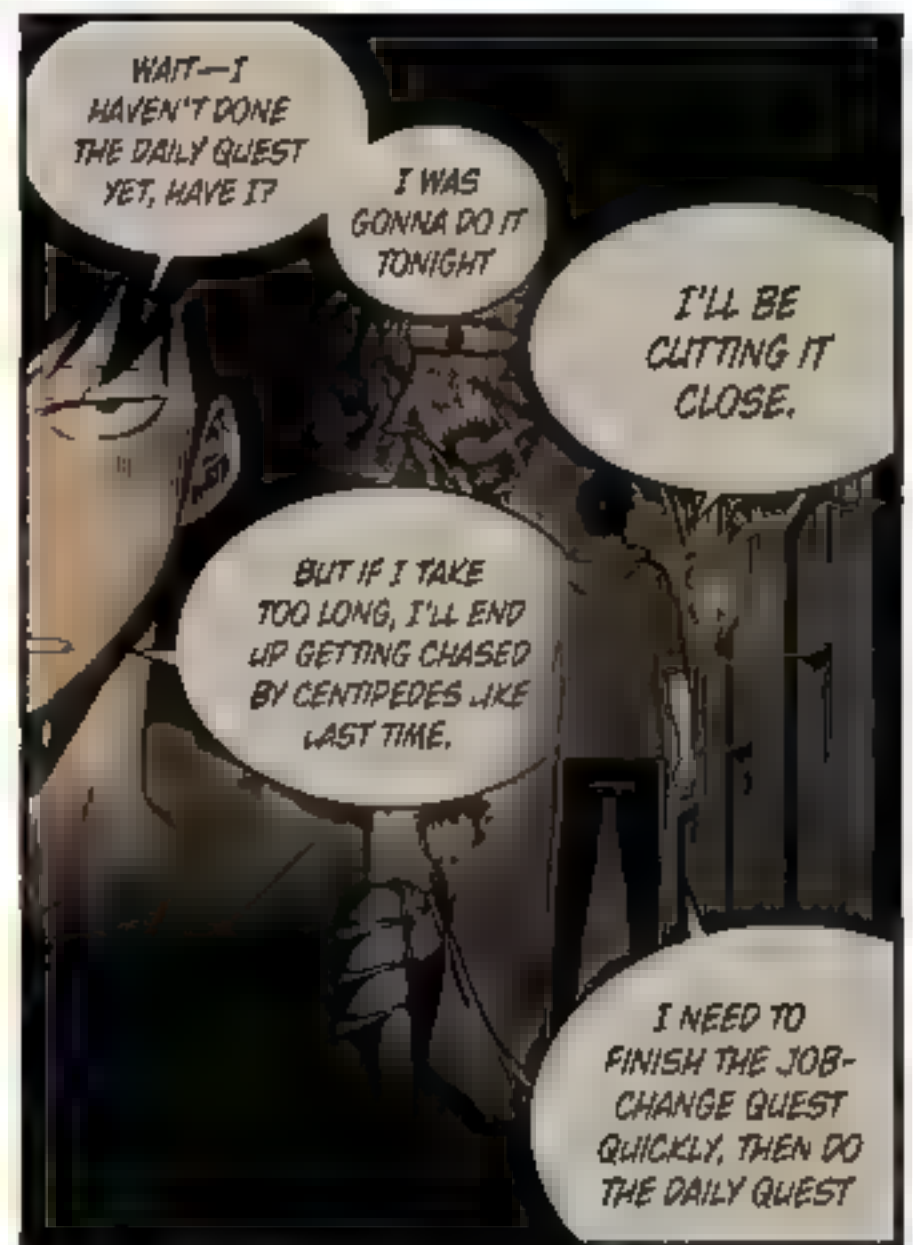
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You will be transferred to the

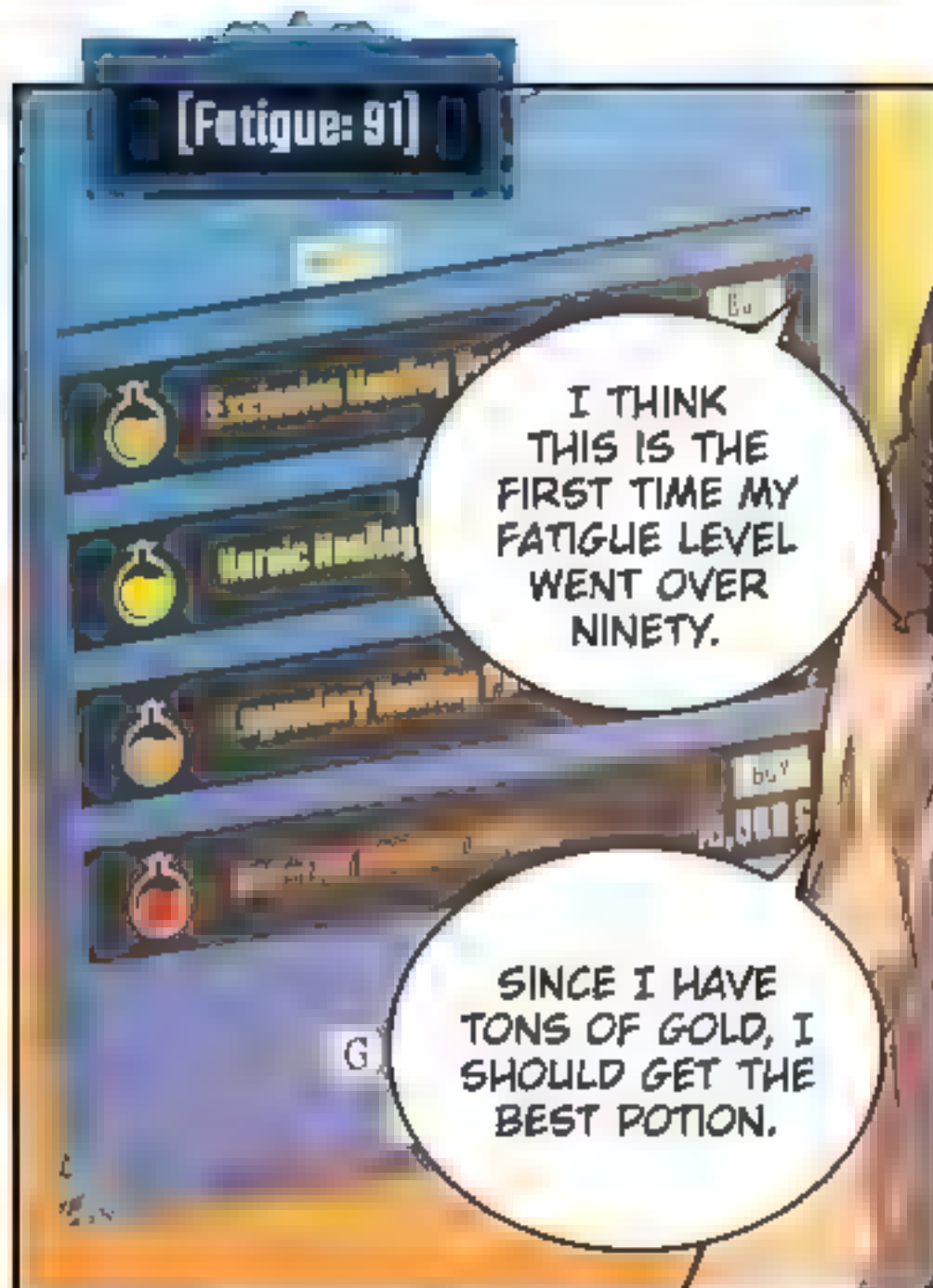
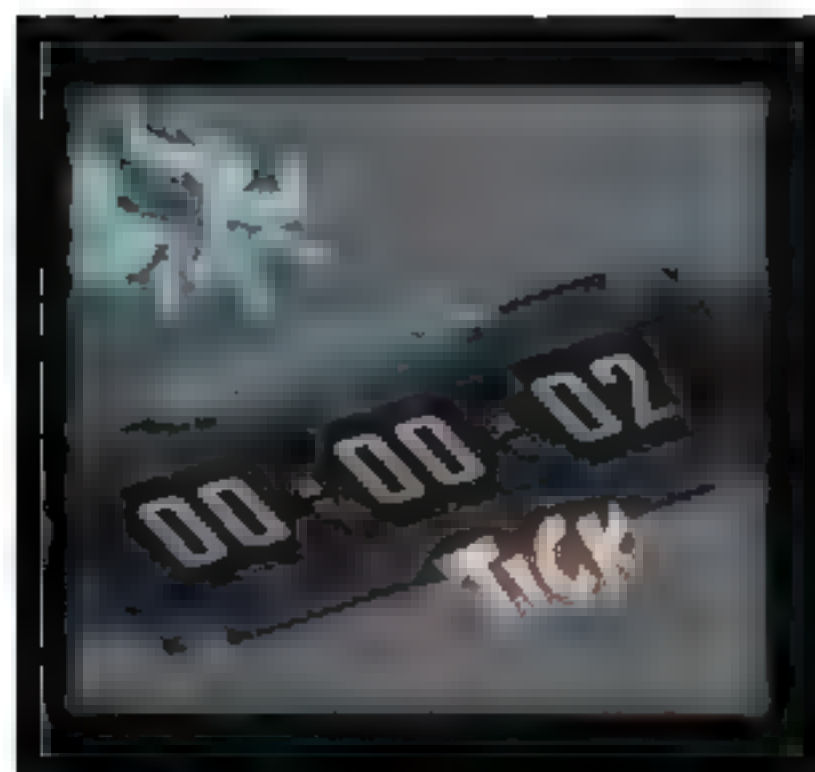
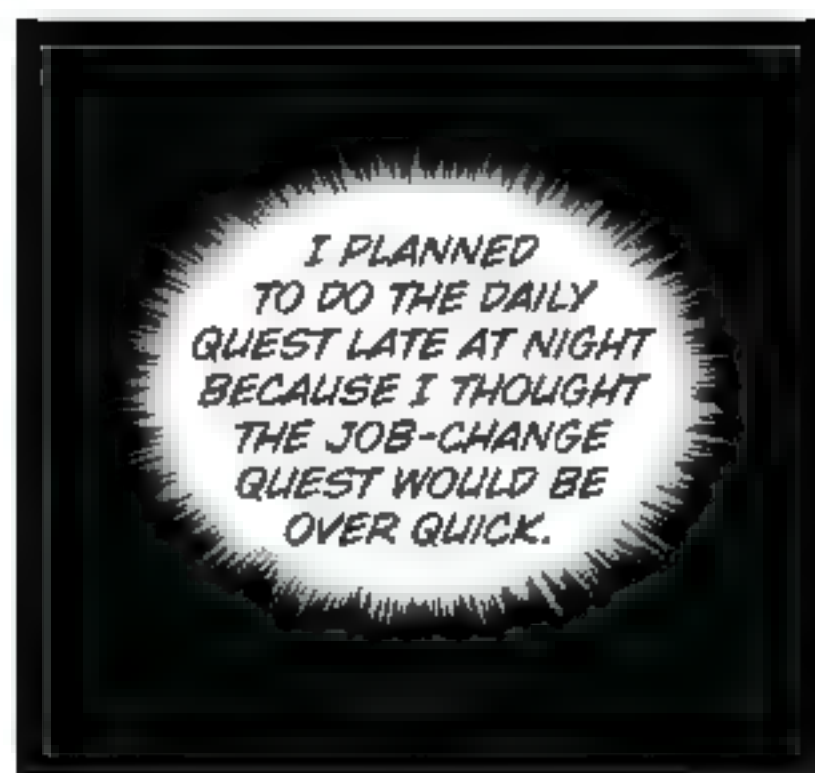
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HP: 104/10270
MP: 202/850
Fatigue: 81



Fatigue has recovered.

Fatigue has recovered.

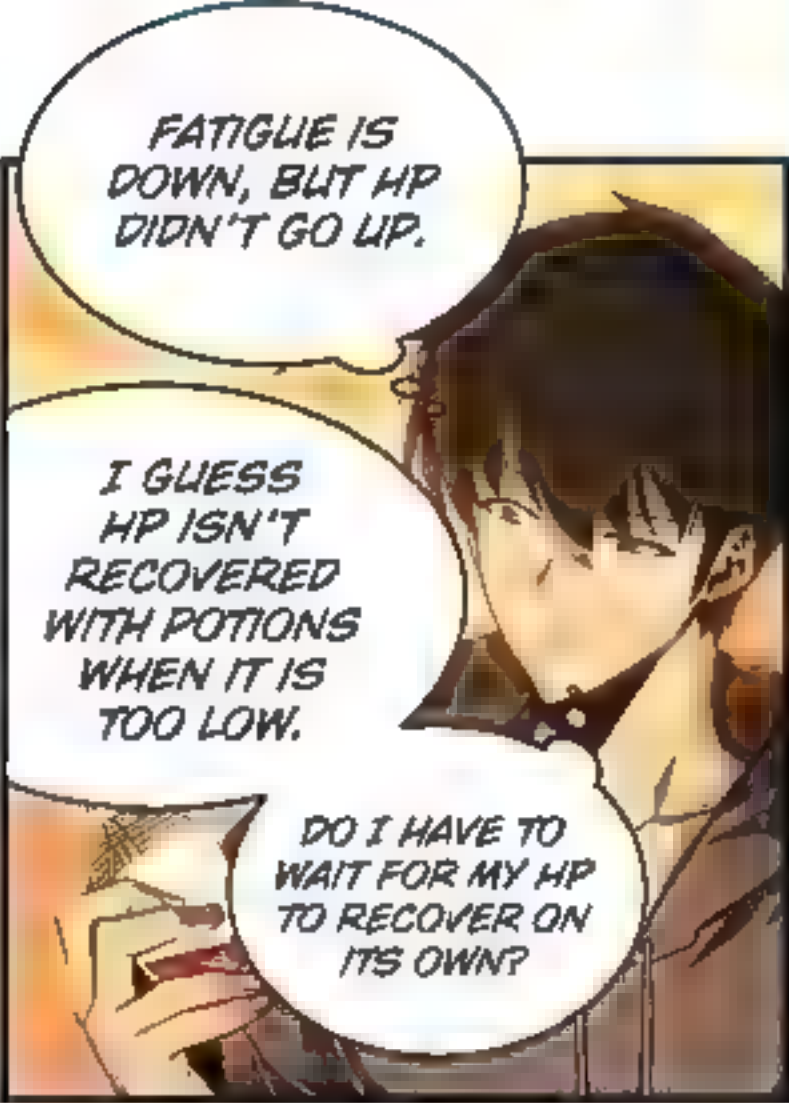
Fatigue has recovered.

I MIGHT
BE VULNERABLE
TO AN INSTAKILL,
BUT...



...I'VE NEVER
FELT BETTER.

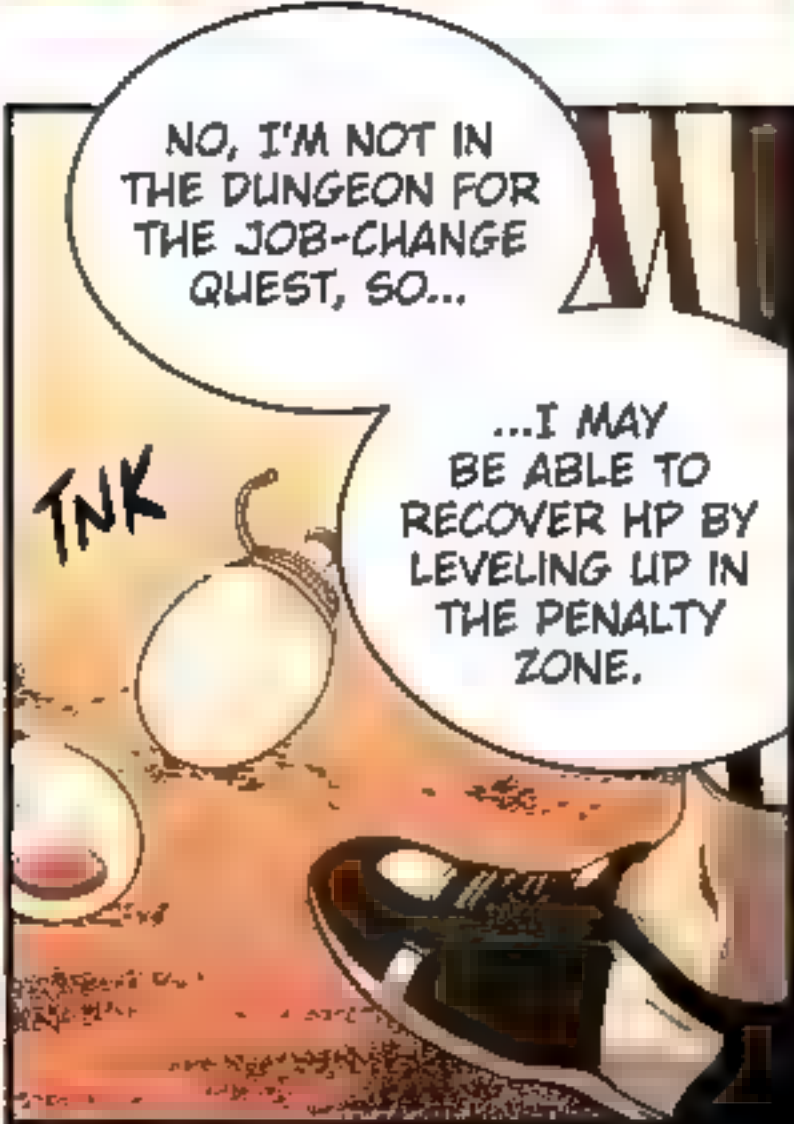
QUESTION
IS, ARE THERE
ENOUGH
MONSTERS TO
LEVEL UP?



FATIGUE IS
DOWN, BUT HP
DIDN'T GO UP.

I GUESS
HP ISN'T
RECOVERED
WITH POTIONS
WHEN IT IS
TOO LOW.

DO I HAVE TO
WAIT FOR MY HP
TO RECOVER ON
ITS OWN?

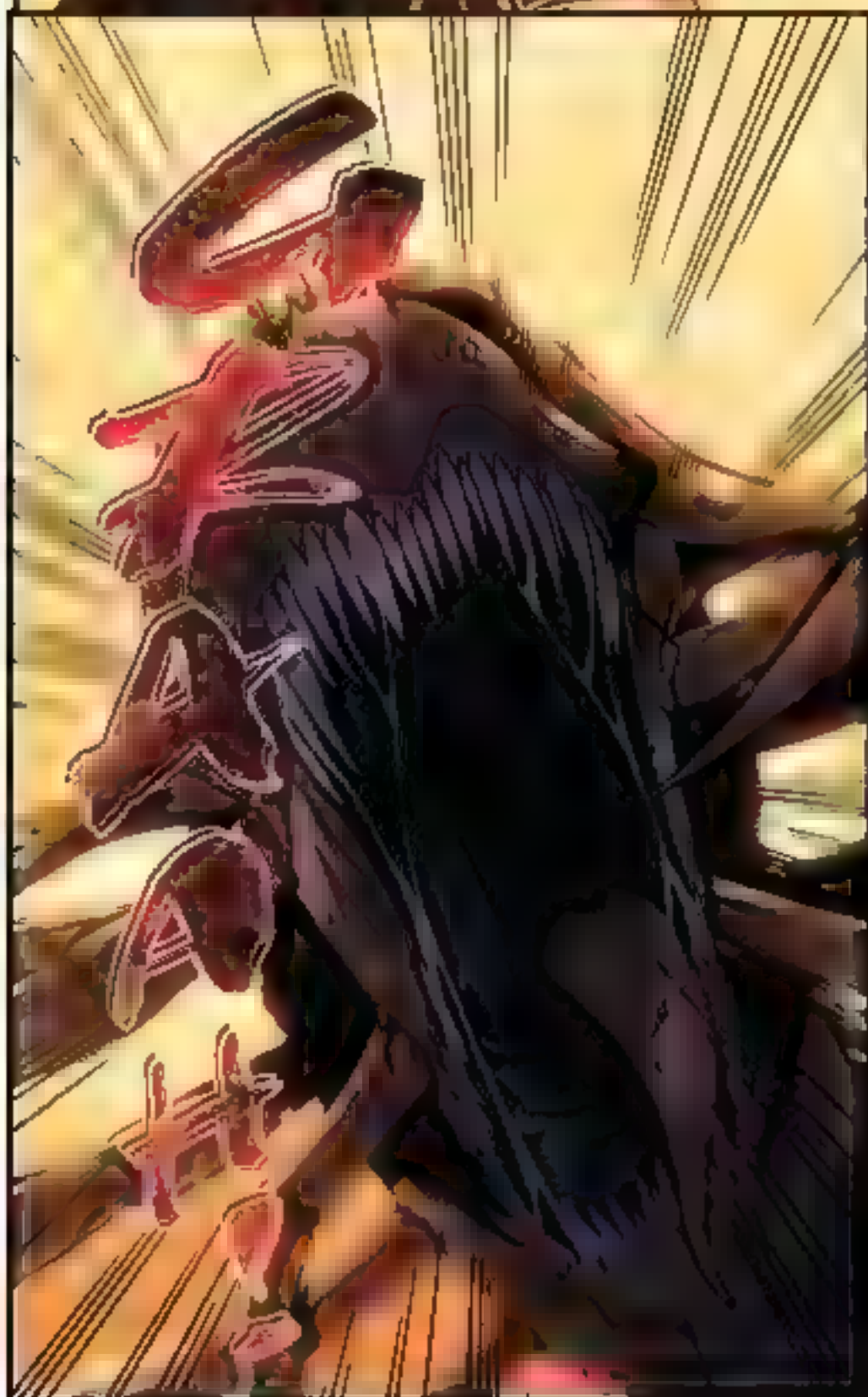


NO, I'M NOT IN
THE DUNGEON FOR
THE JOB-CHANGE
QUEST, SO...

...I MAY
BE ABLE TO
RECOVER HP BY
LEVELING UP IN
THE PENALTY
ZONE.

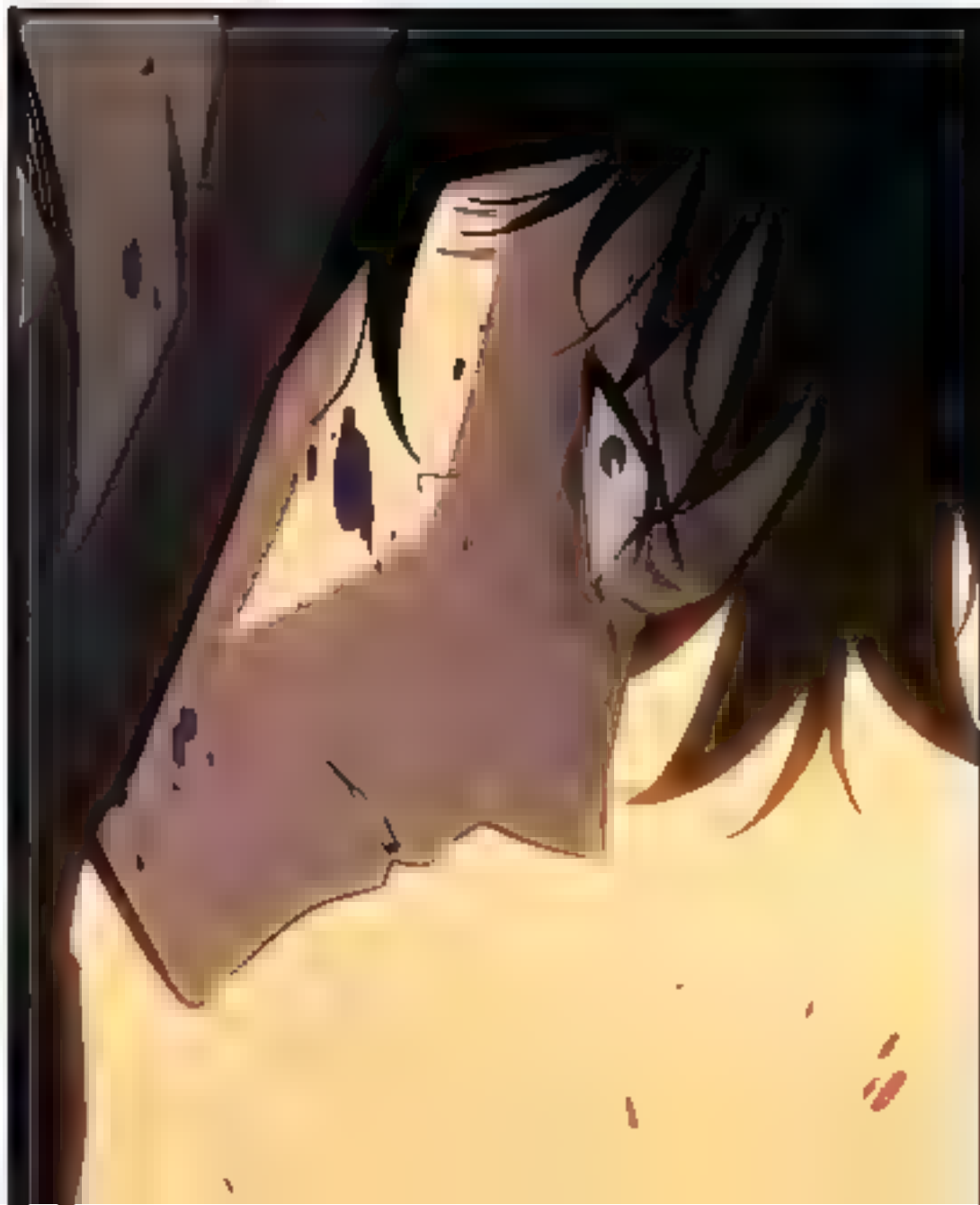


I WAS WORRIED
FOR NOTHING.



① NOTIFICATION

Quest: Survival
GOAL: Survive the required time.
Required time: 4 hours
Remaining time: 04:00:00



OKAY.

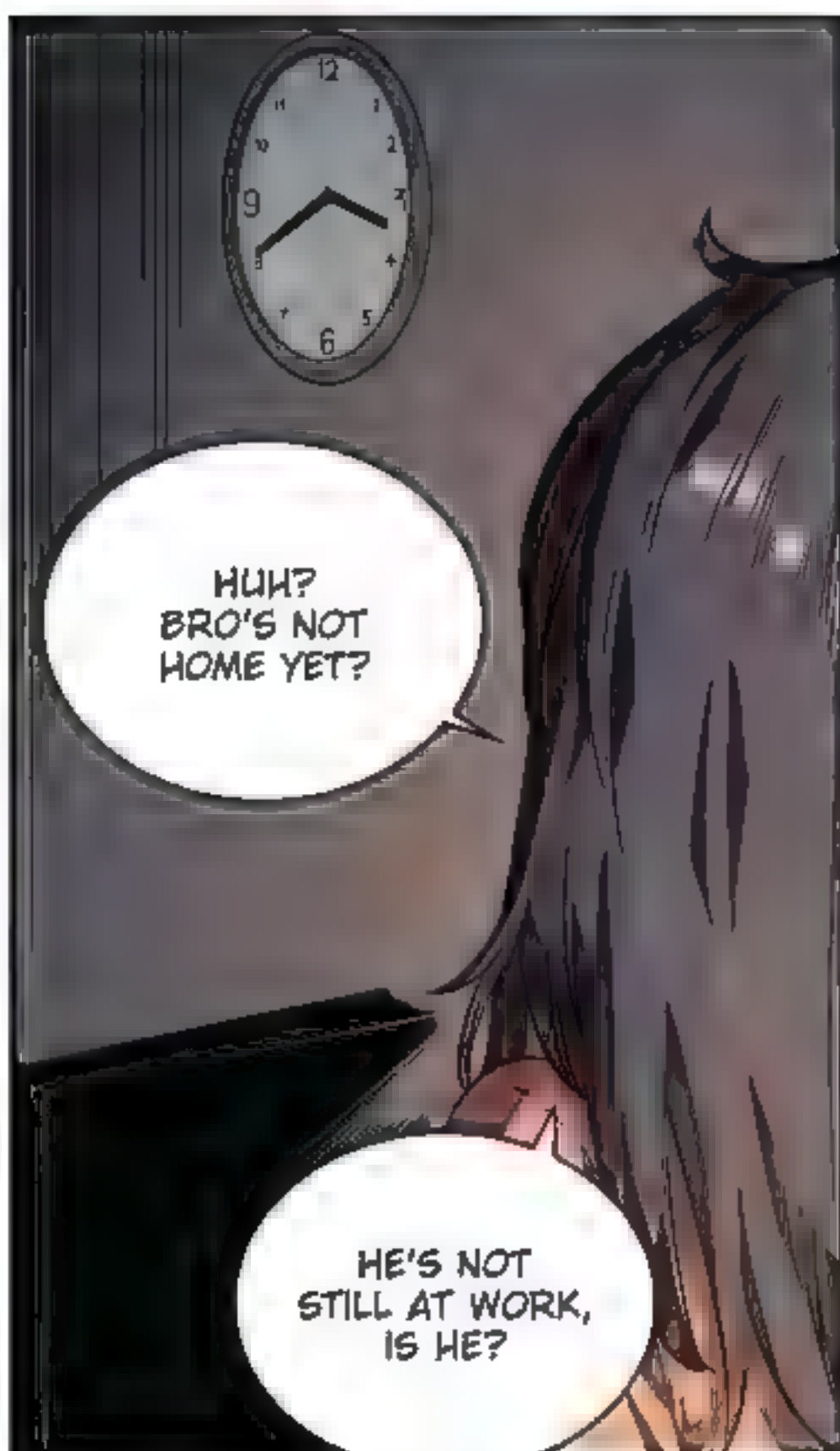
I HAVE TO PUSH
TO THE END...

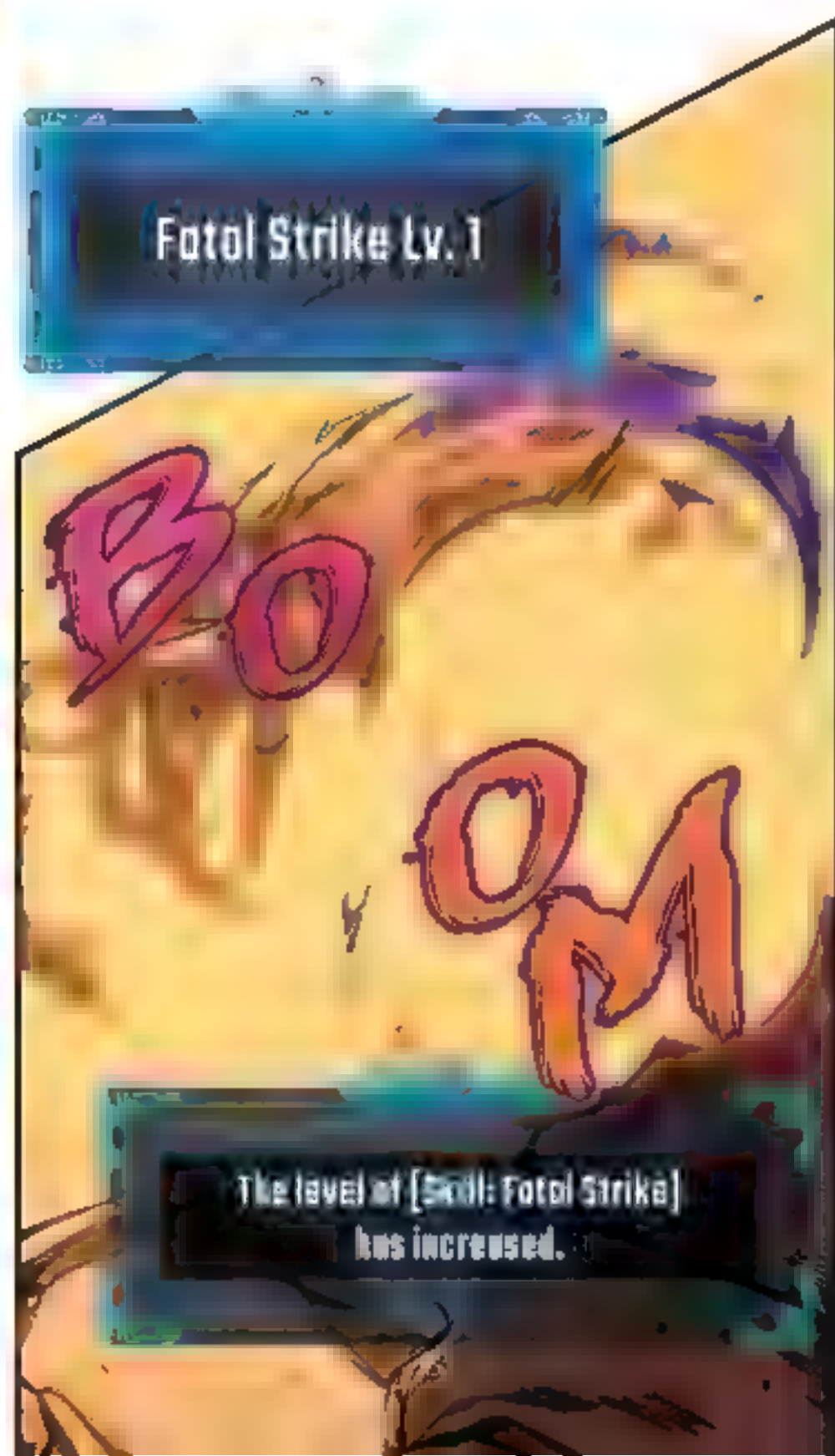
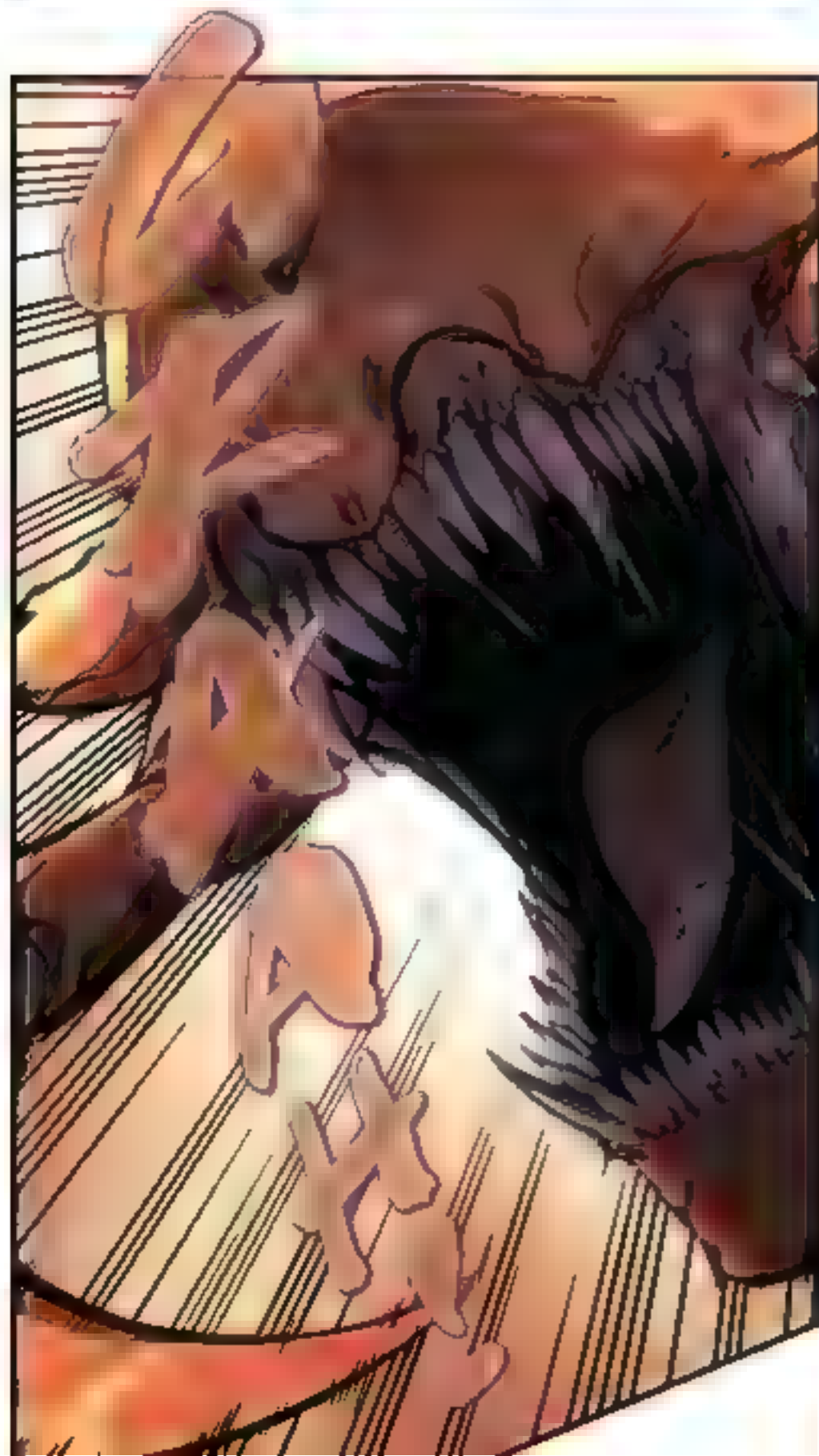
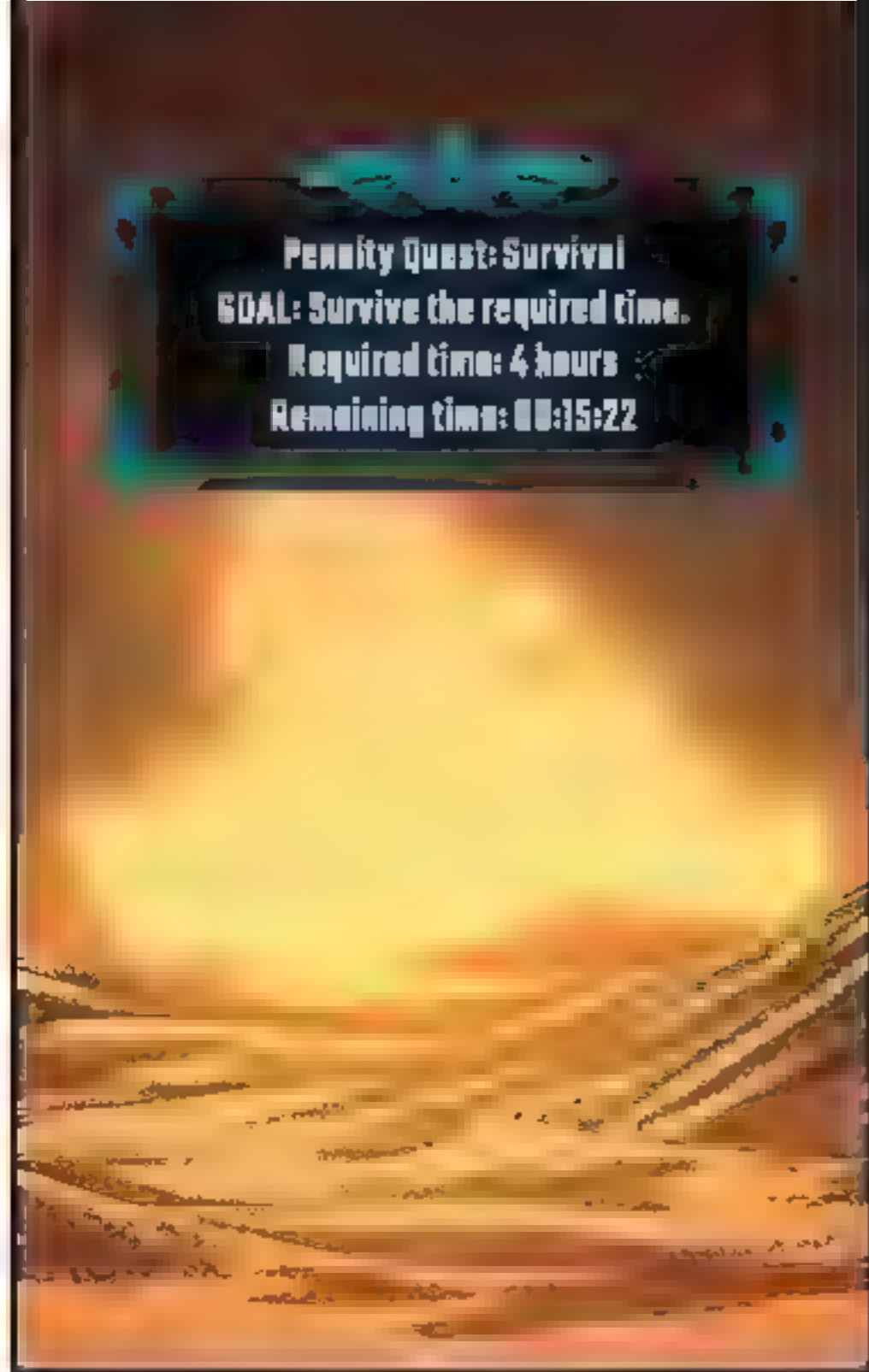
SHHHK

...BECAUSE WHAT
DOESN'T KILL ME...

...WILL JUST MAKE ME
STRONGER!

Remaining time: 03:59:59





You have leveled up!

You have leveled up!

You have leveled up!

You have leveled up!

I KNEW IT! YOU
HEAL WHEN YOU
LEVEL UP IN THE
PENALTY ZONE.

GULP

I CAN
RECOVER
FATIGUE AND
HP USING THE
SHOP TOO.

GULP

NAME: Jinwoo Sung
LEVEL: 51
EXP: 11092
MP: 1022
FATIGUE: 0

Penalty Quest: Survival
GOAL: Survive the required time.
Required time: 4 hours
Remaining time: 00:03:19

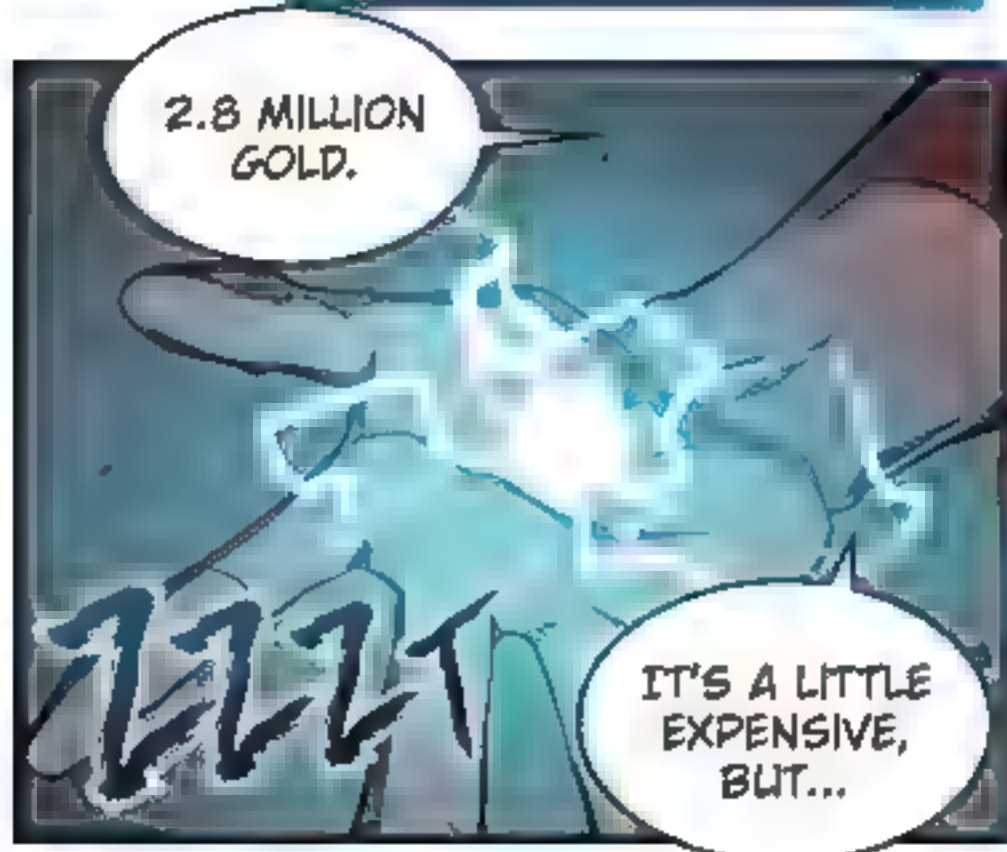
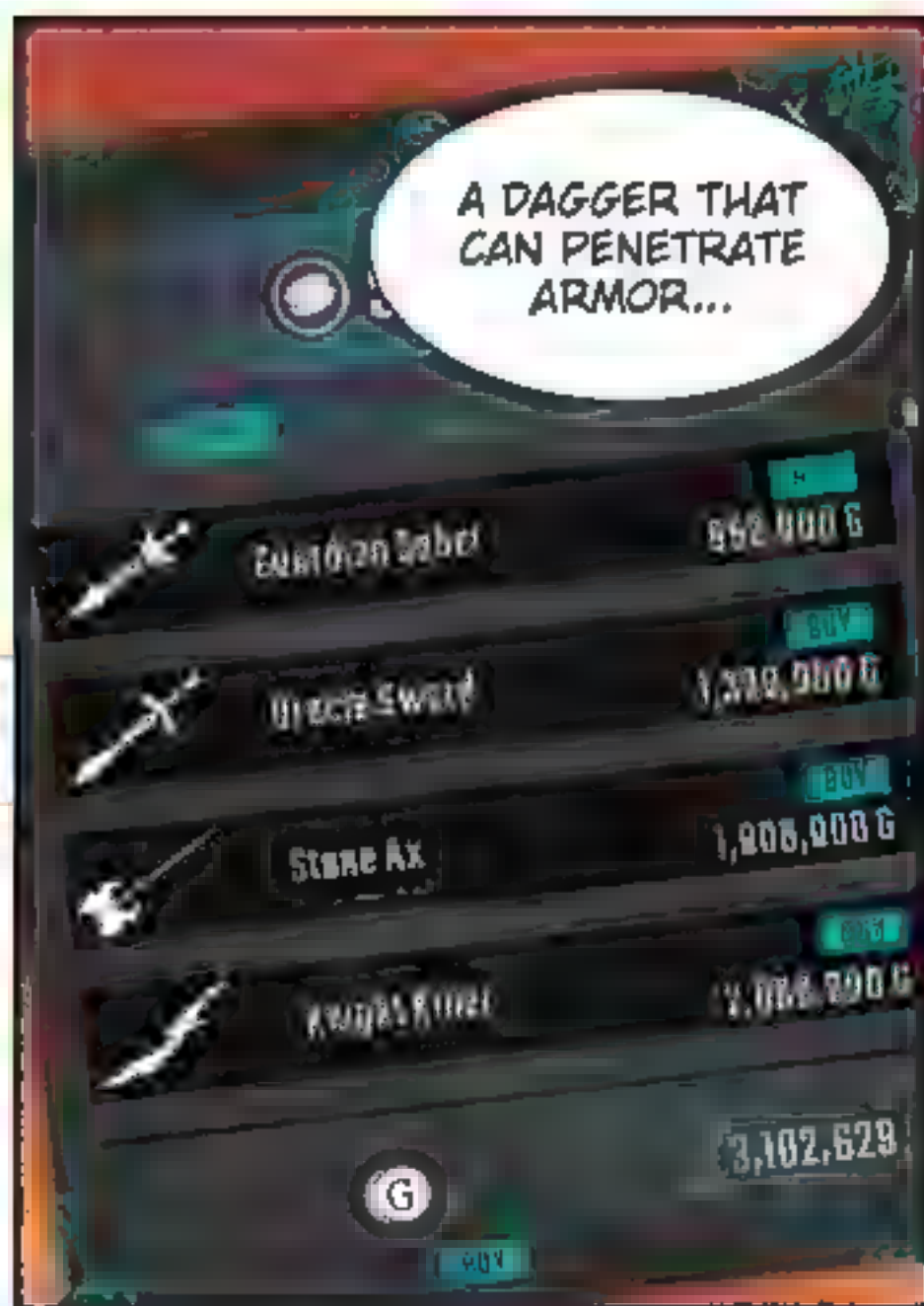
THREE
MINUTES UNTIL I
RETURN TO THE
JOB-CHANGE
QUEST...

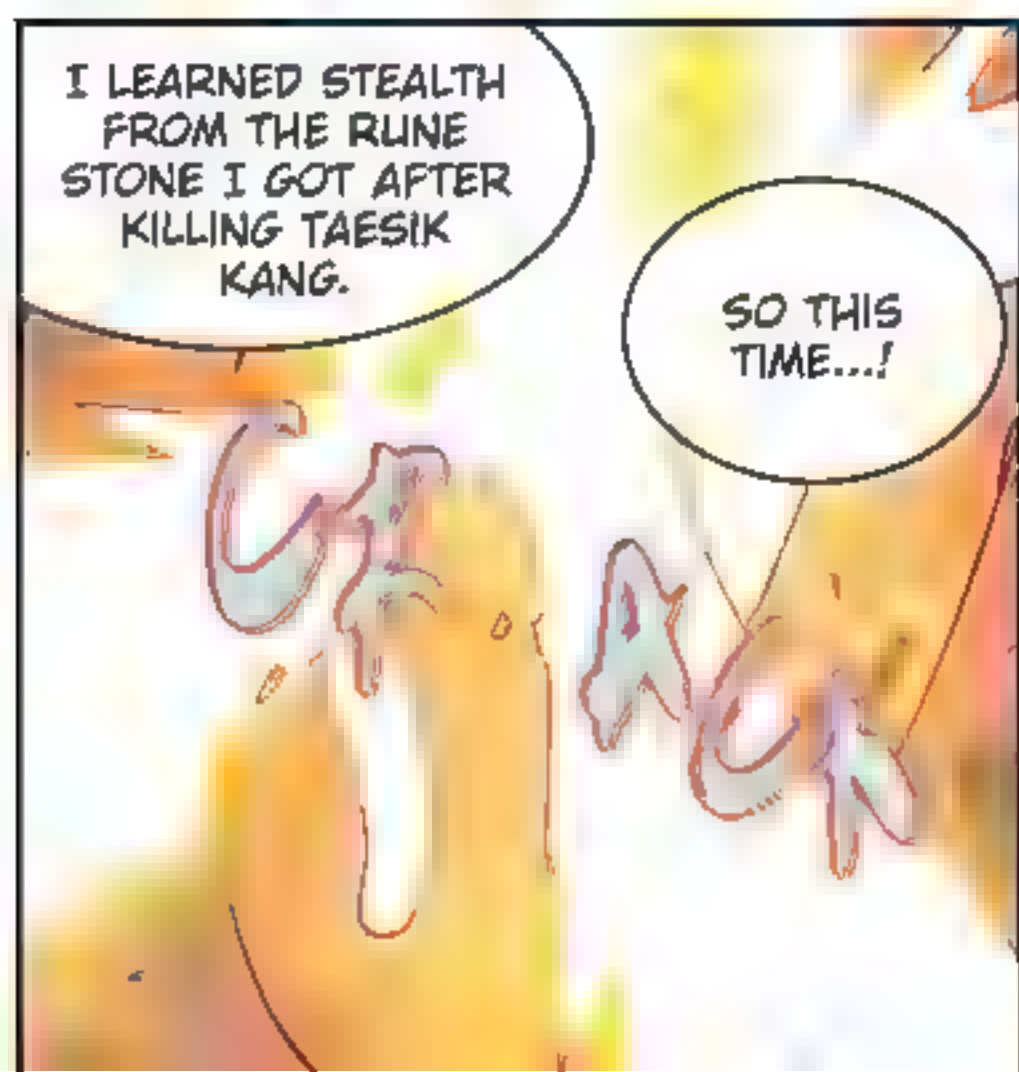
I STILL HAVE
TIME TO GET
READY.

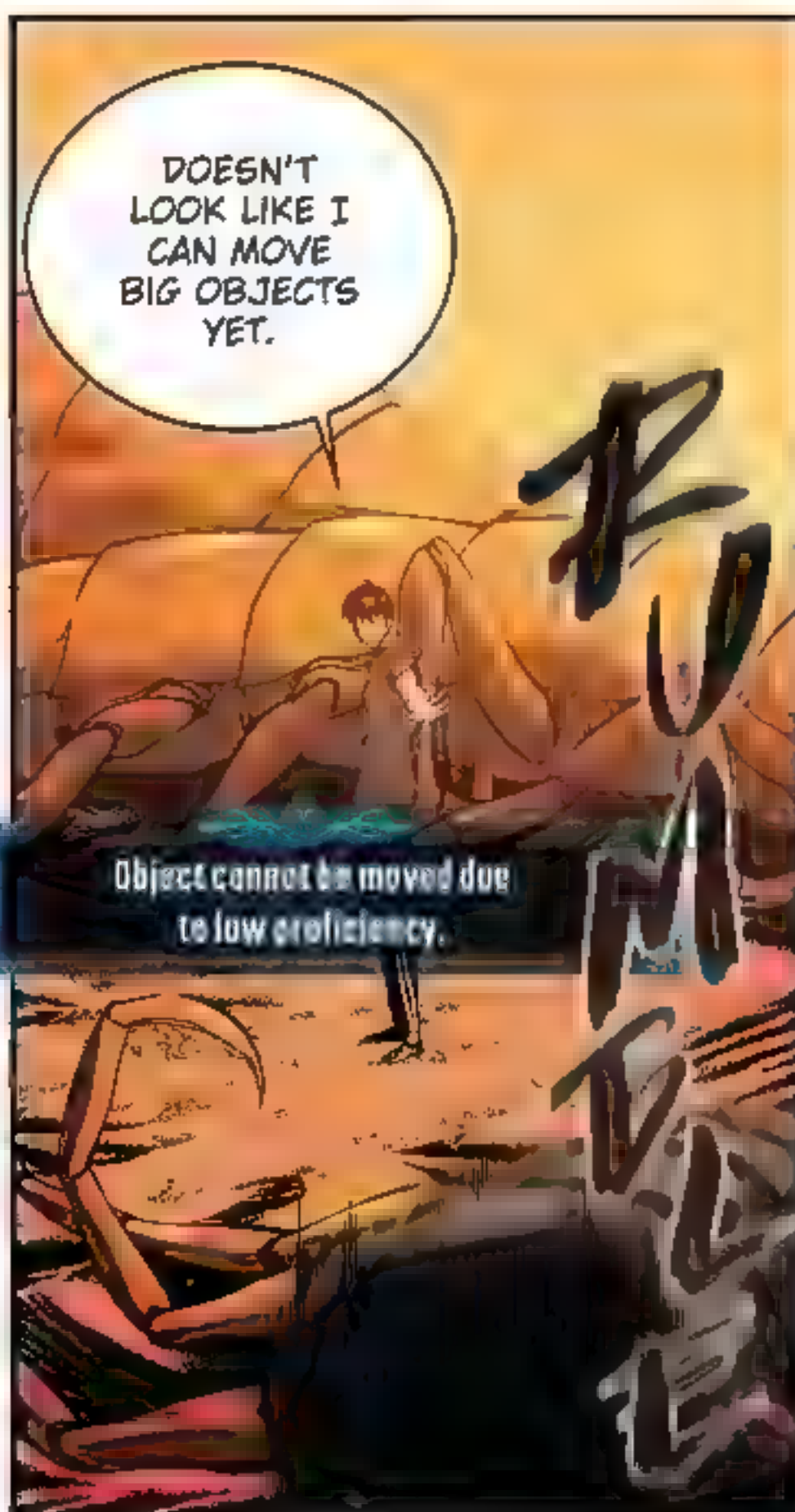
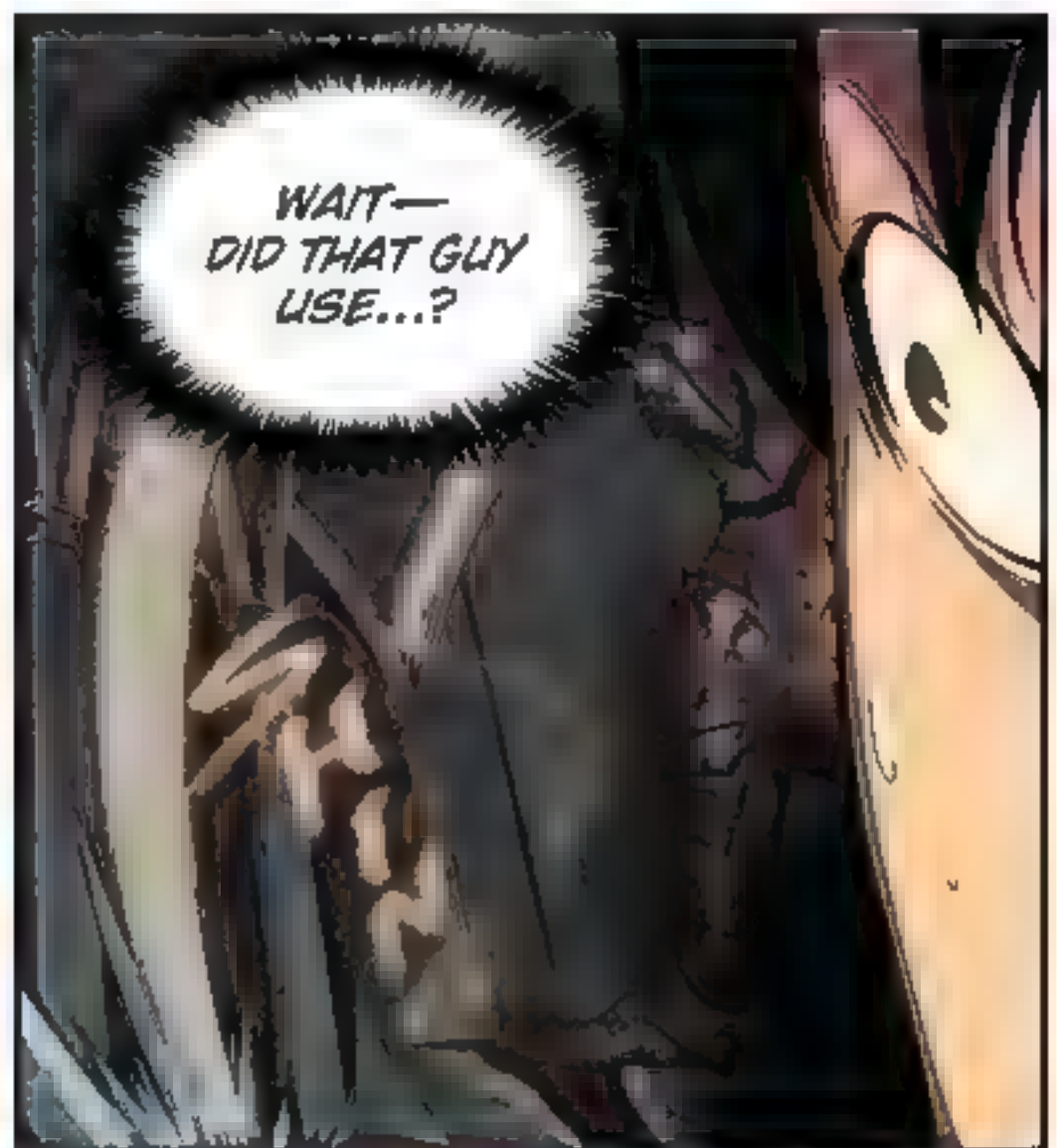
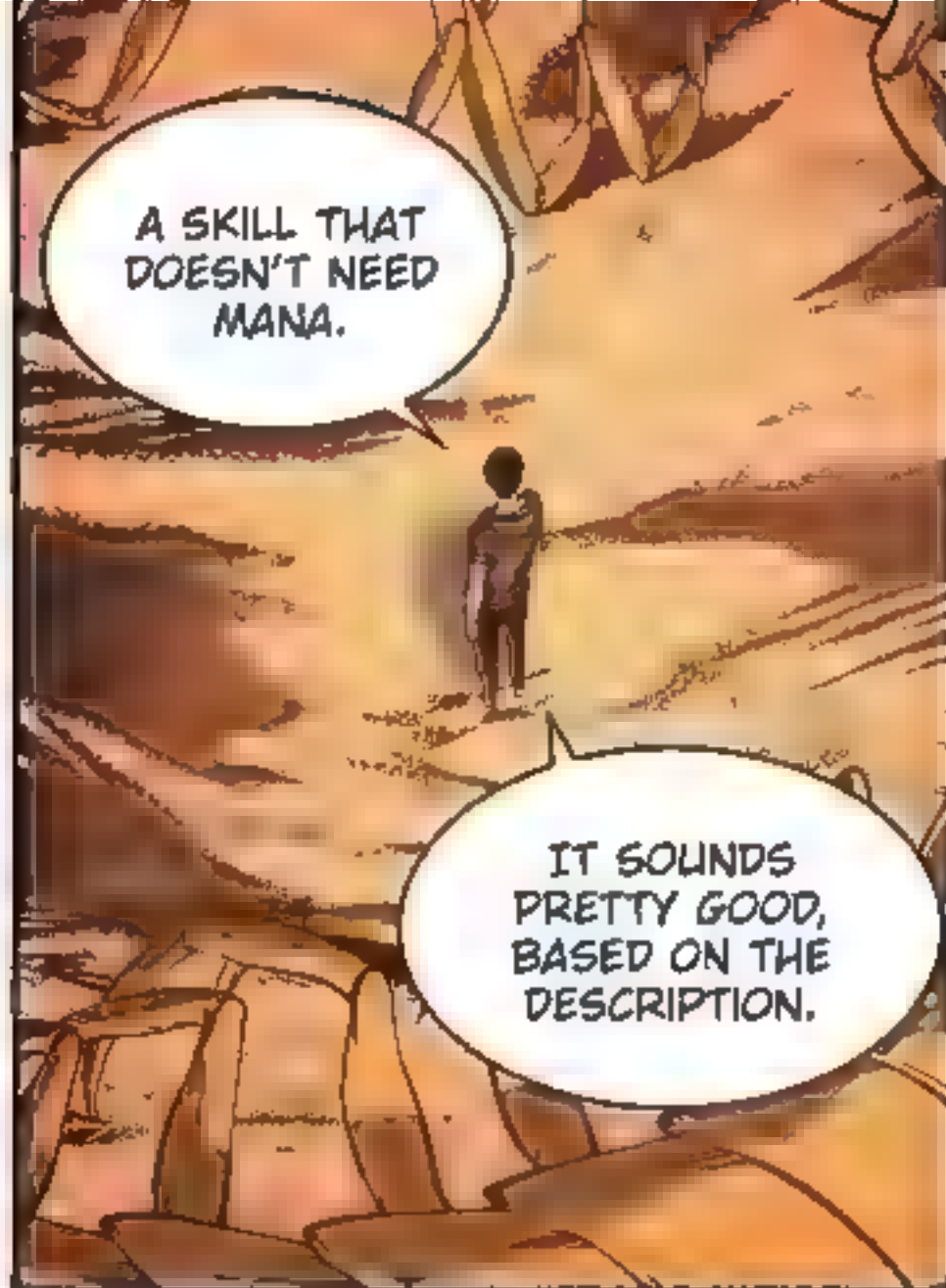
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KASAKA'S VENOM
FANG CAN'T PIERCE
KNIGHTS' ARMOR.

I NEED TO
DO EVERYTHING
I CAN.



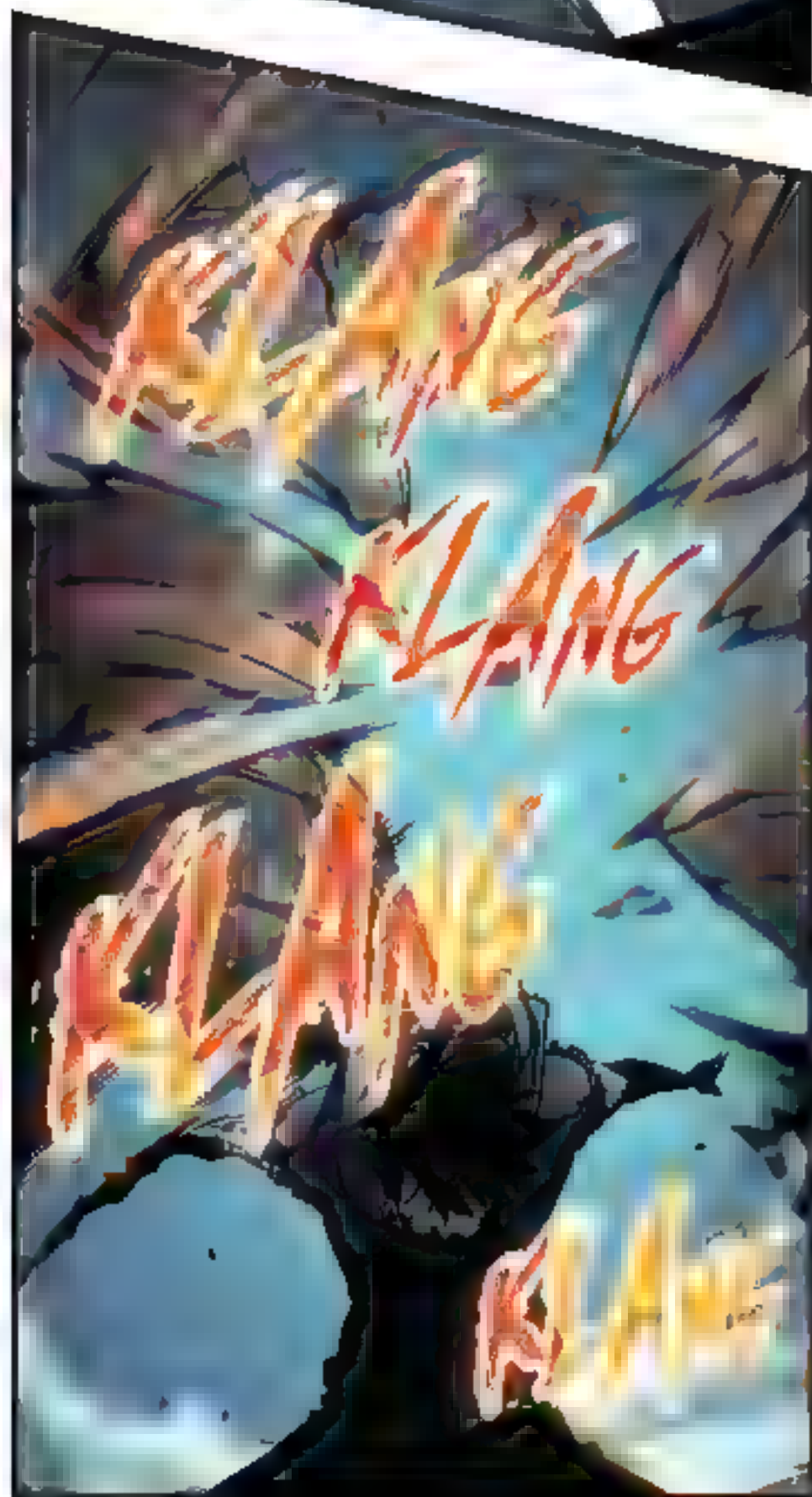
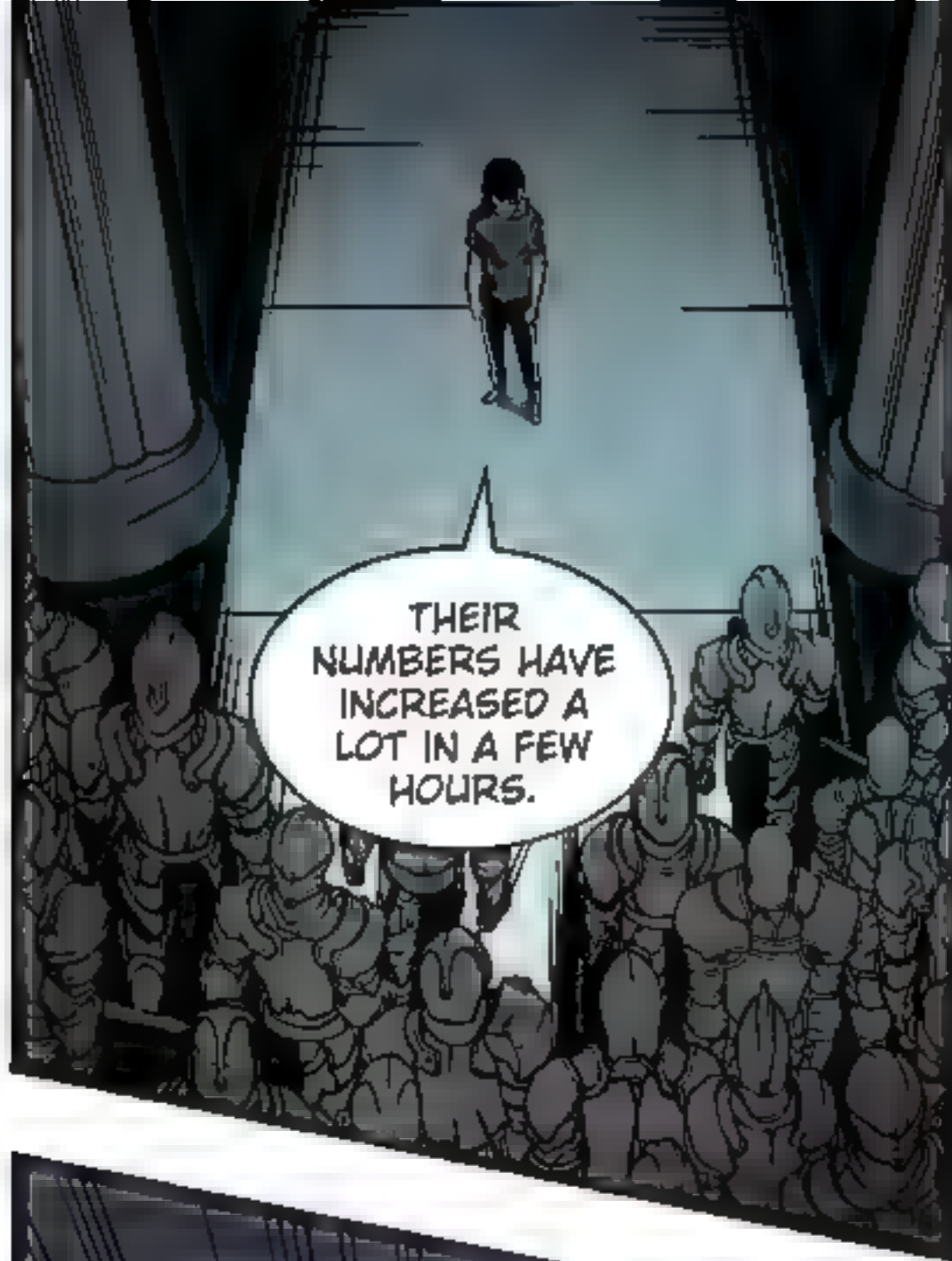


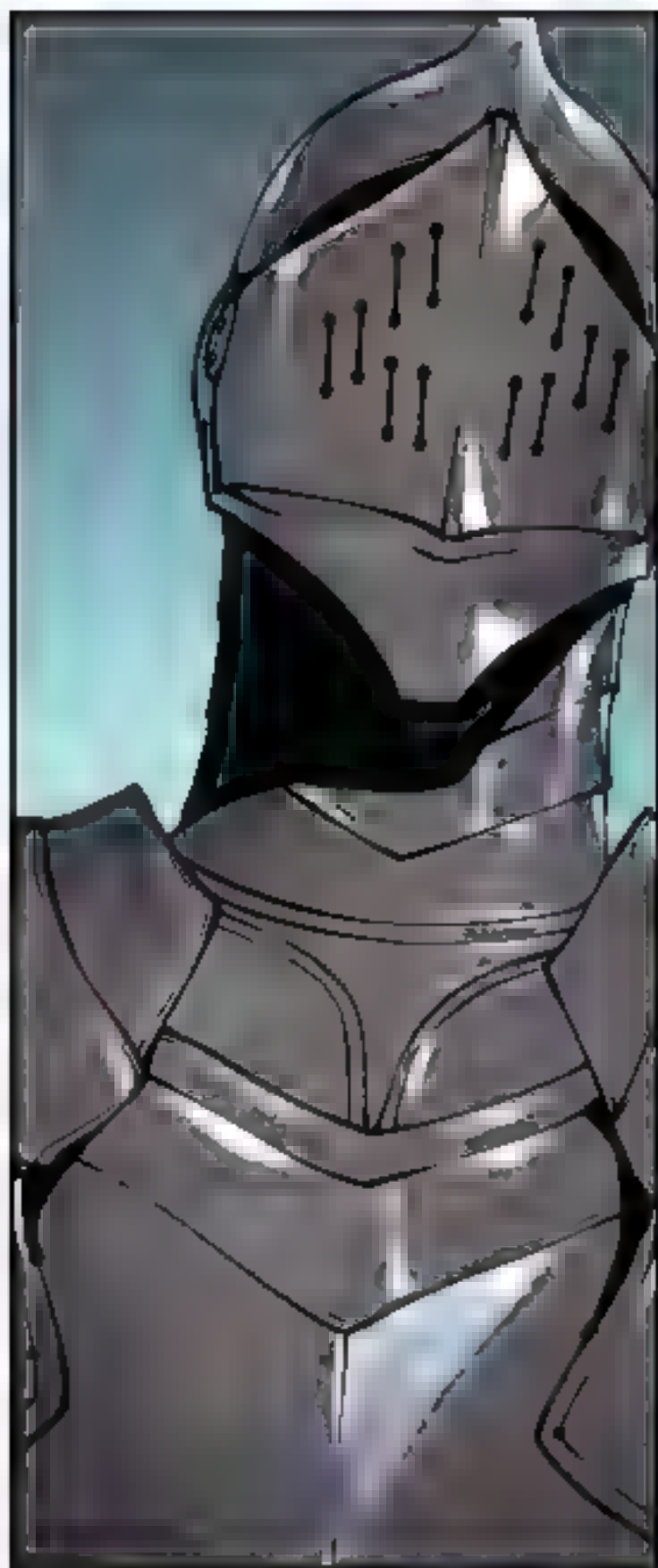


A group of knights in armor, with one knight in the center speaking. The knight in the center is wearing a helmet with a cross on the face. The other knights are wearing various types of helmets, some with visors and some with open faces. The scene is set in a dark, possibly underground, location with stone walls and a large, ornate archway in the background.

*I'LL HAVE TO
LEAVE THE REST
TO LICK.*

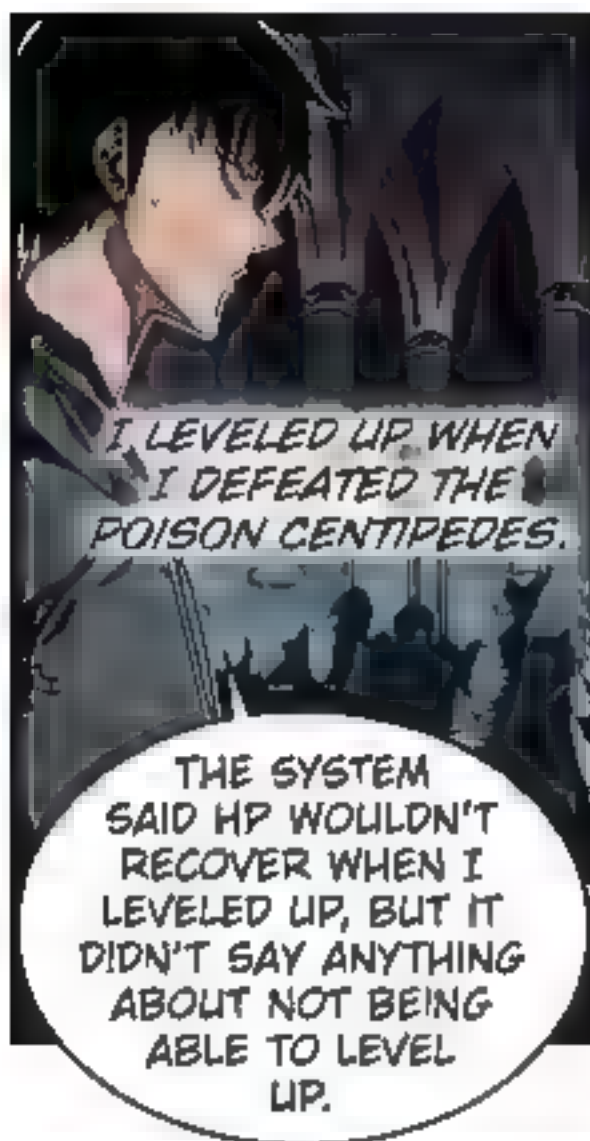
You have completed
the penalty quest.





KNIGHT
KILLER IS
CERTAINLY
EFFECTIVE!

DEFINITELY
MORE EFFICIENT
THAN USING MY
BARE HANDS!





**THE KNIGHTS'
NUMBERS KEEP
INCREASING BECAUSE
THEY KEEP COMING
FROM THE GATE!**

**BUT I DON'T GET
XP, NO MATTER
HOW MANY OF
THEM I DEFEAT!**



**WHAT IF IT'S BECAUSE
KNIGHTS ARE
MONSTERS THAT HAVE
BEEN SUMMONED BY
SOMEONE ELSE?!**

KLANG

KLANG



THE SUMMONER
IS THE LAST ONE
TO EMERGE FROM
THE GATE...!

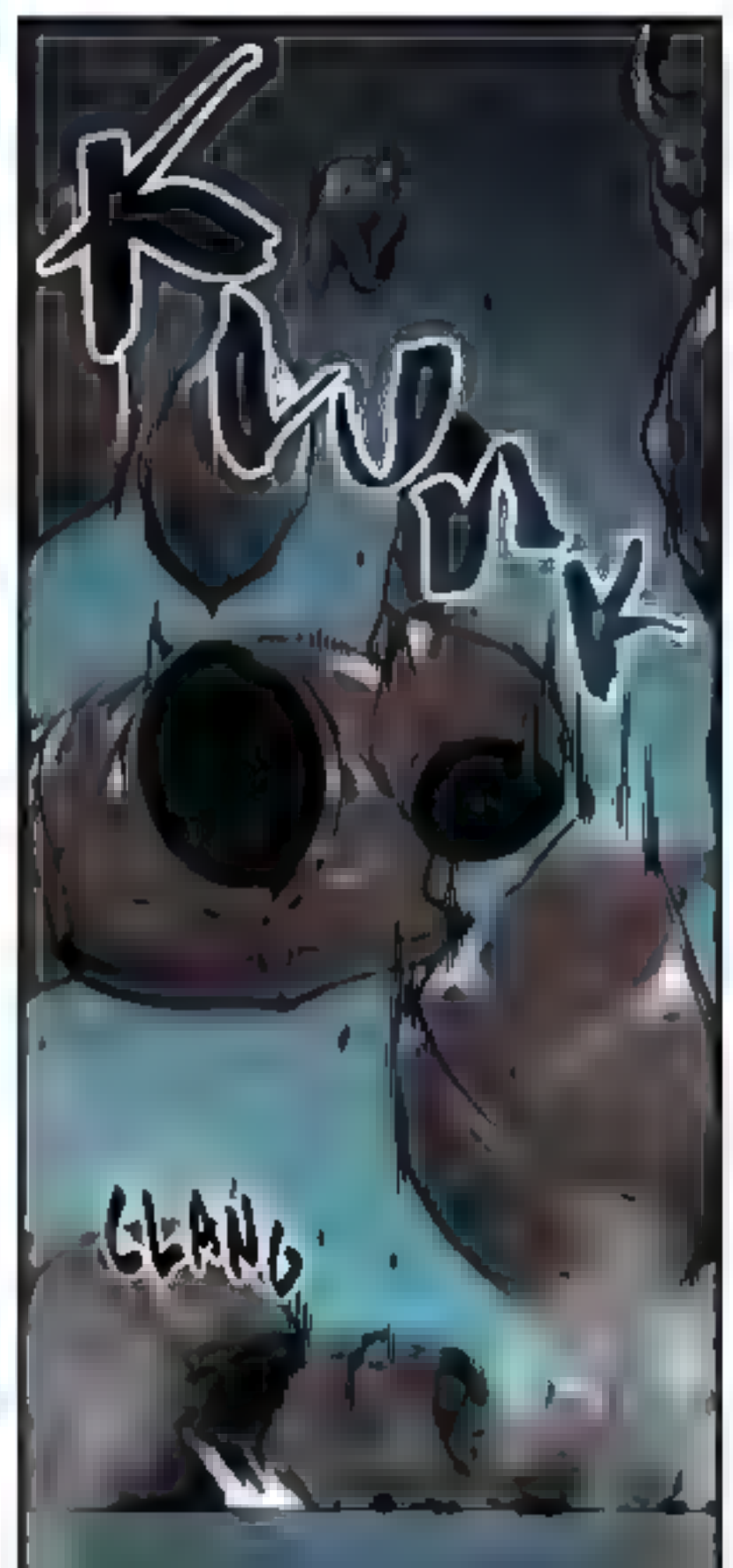


MAGES!

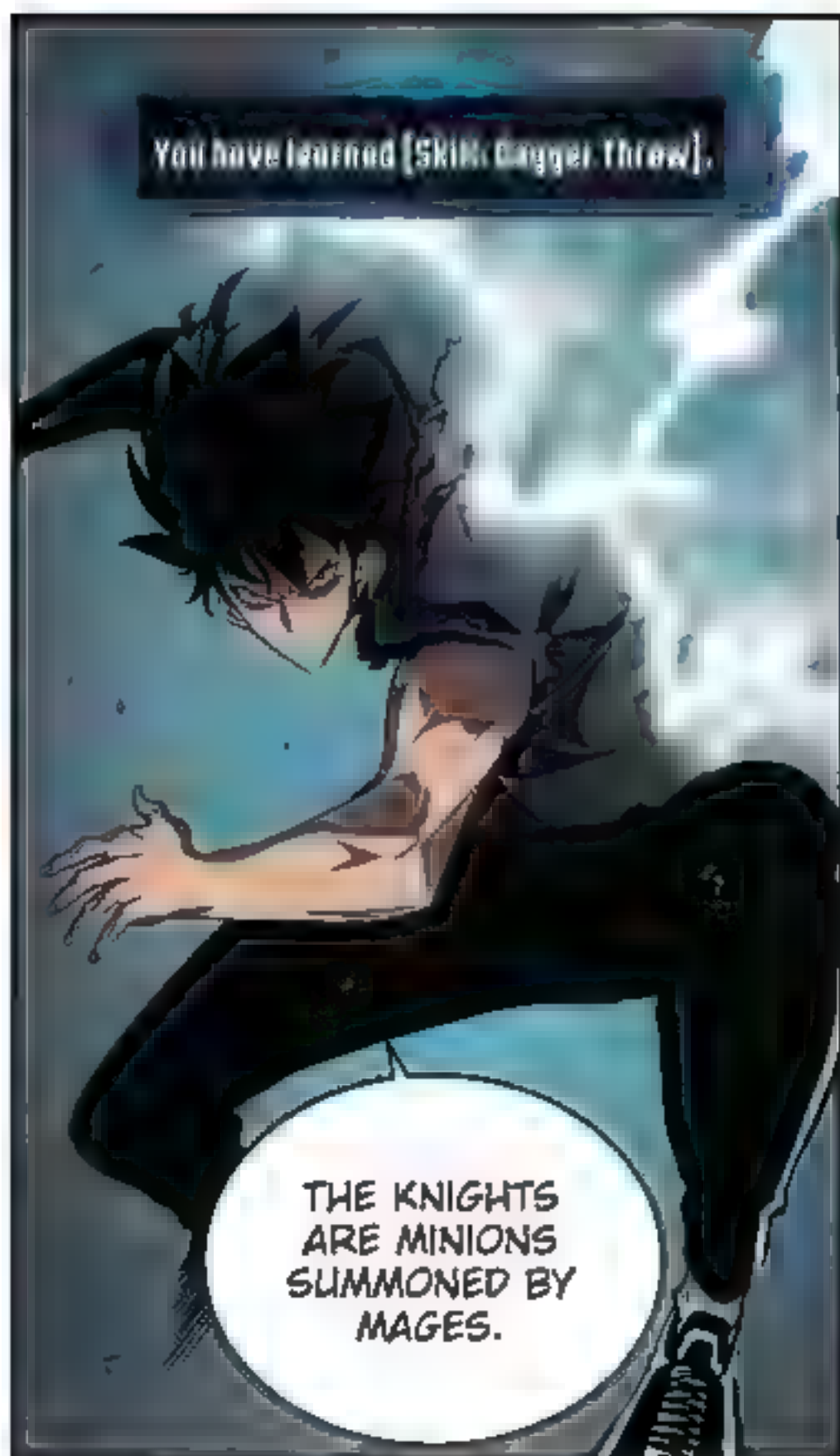
I KNOW
IT'S YOU!!

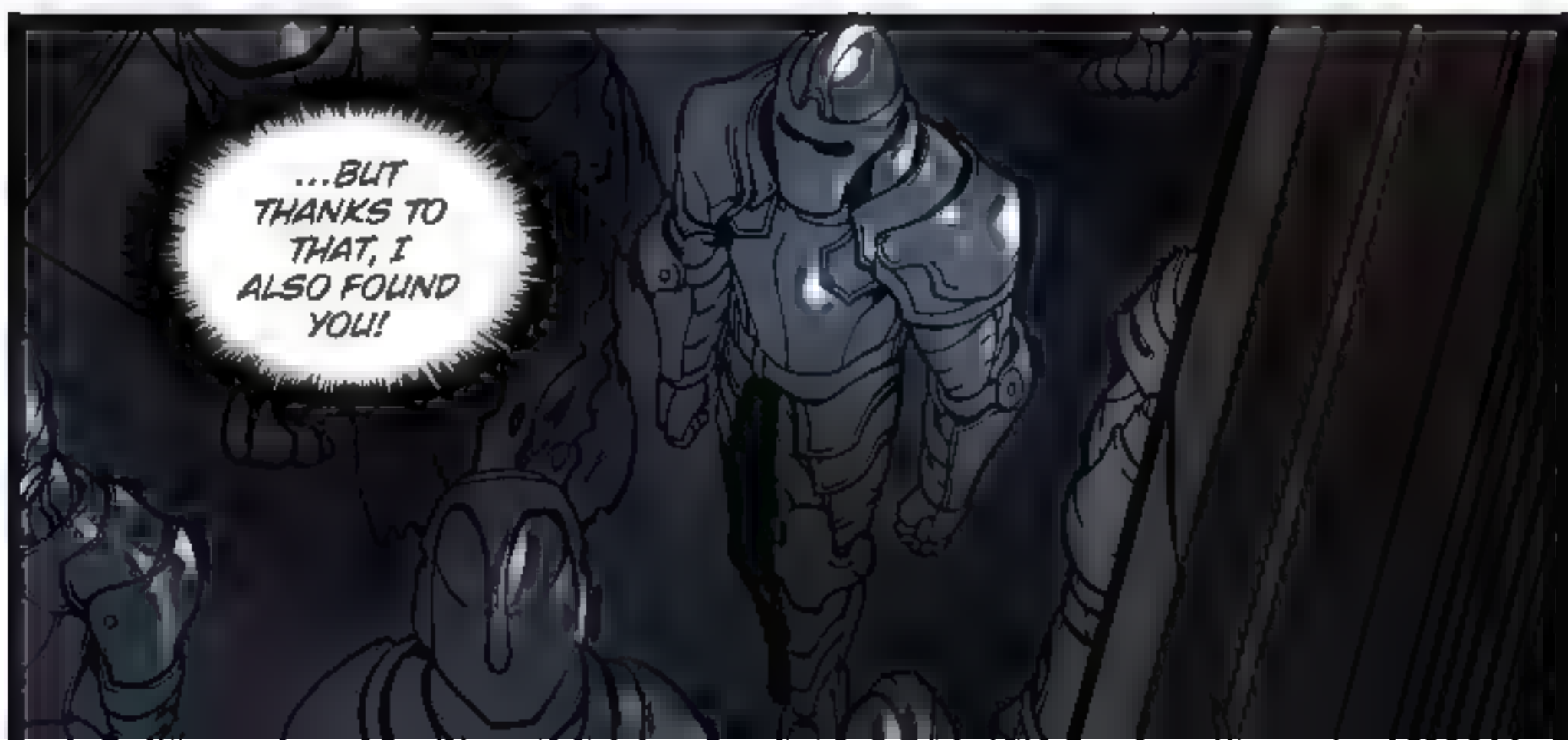


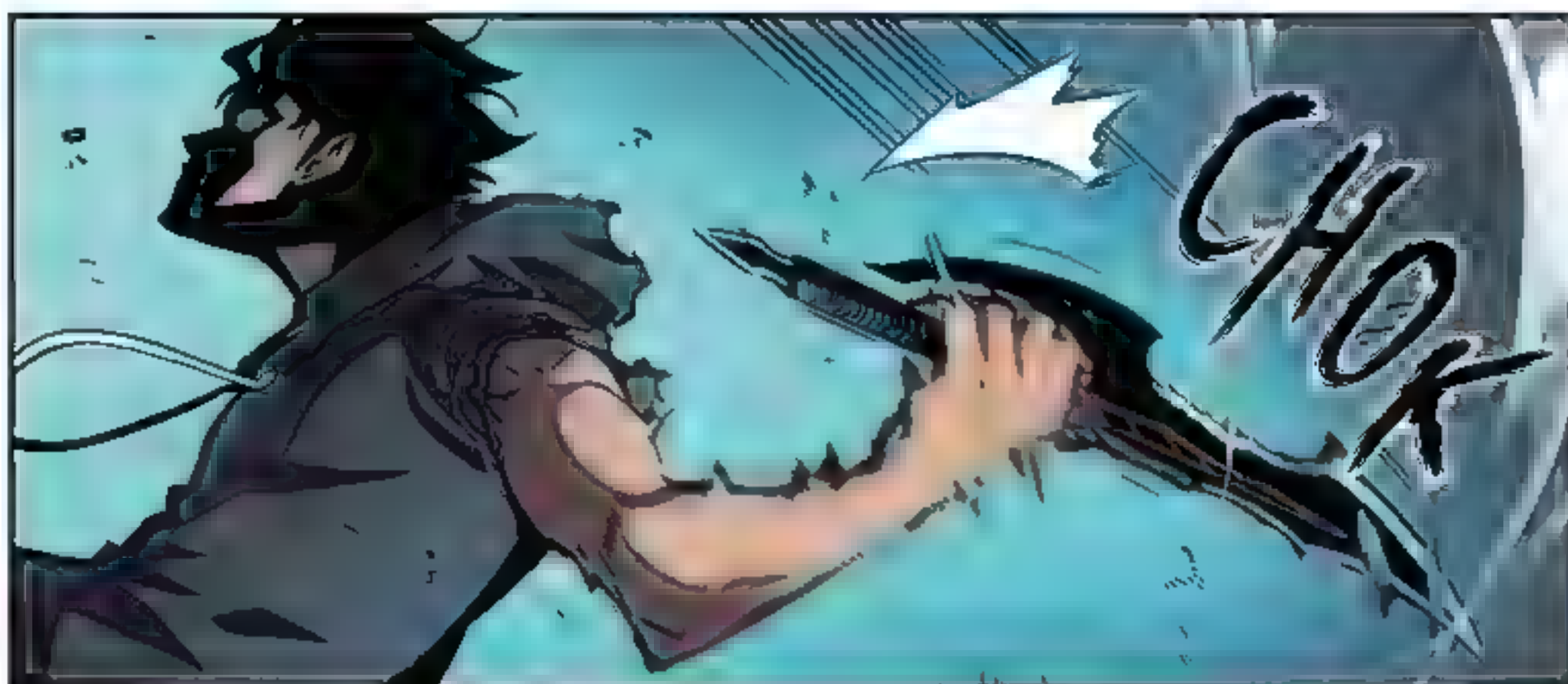
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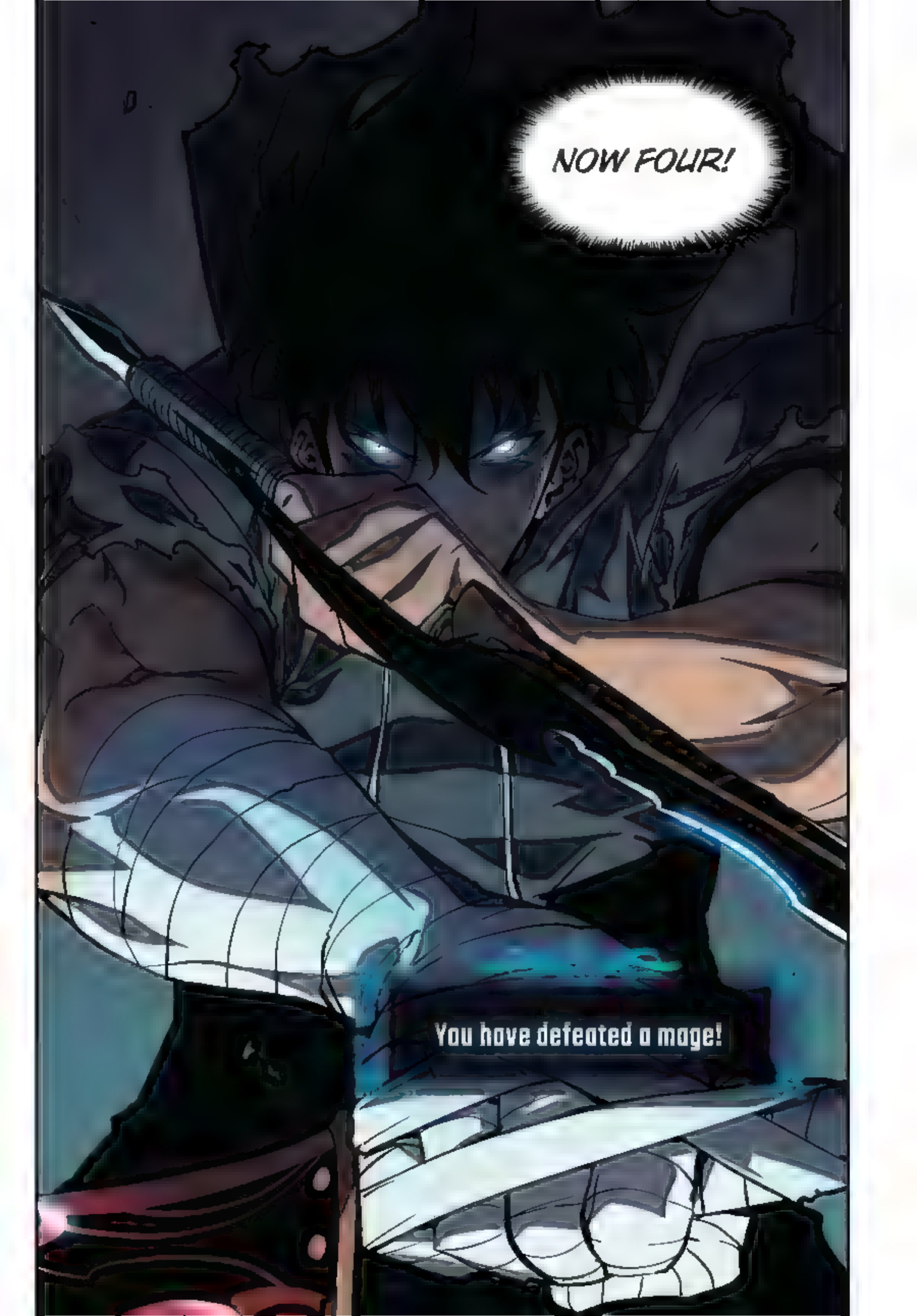
GLANG





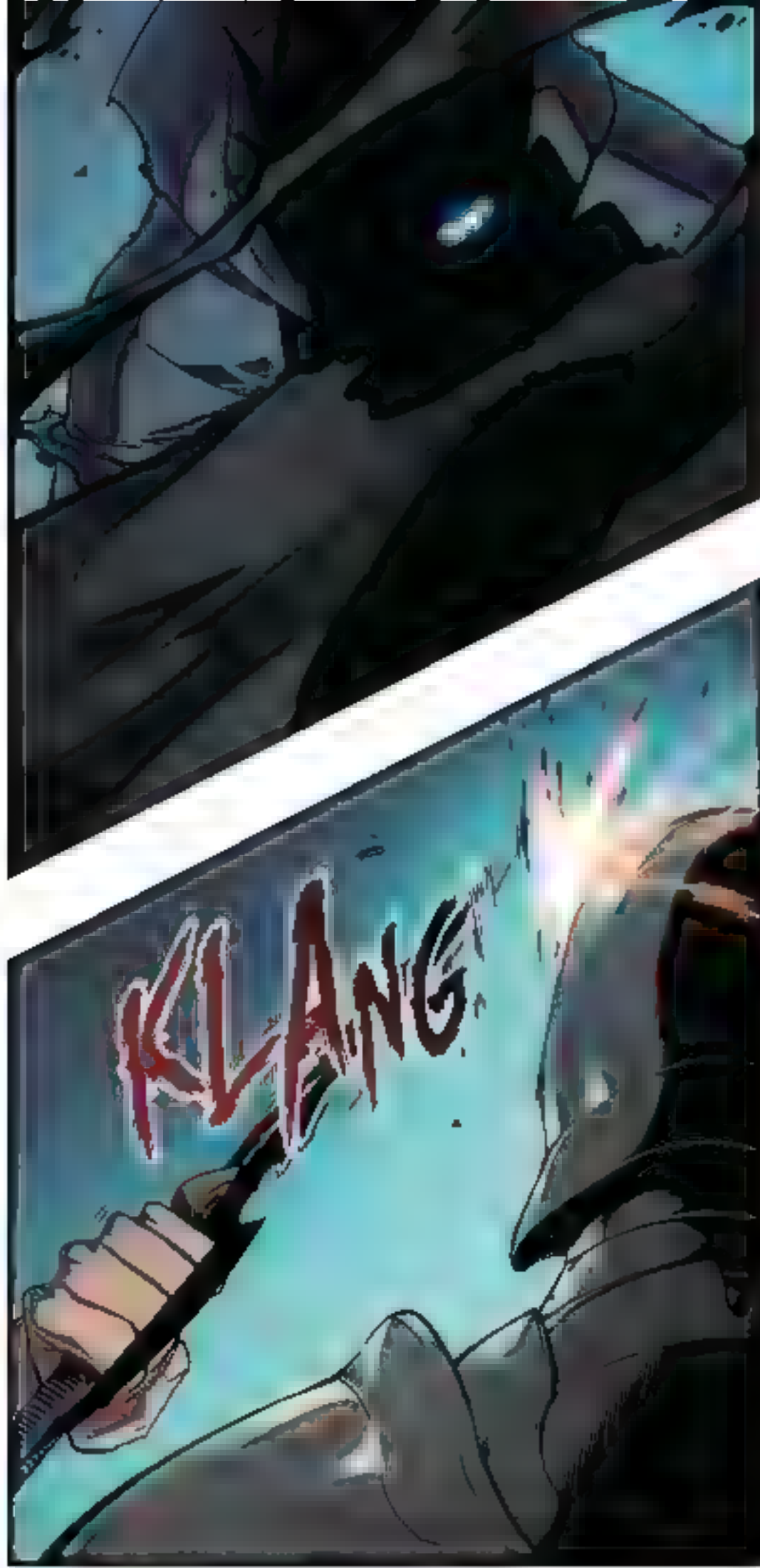


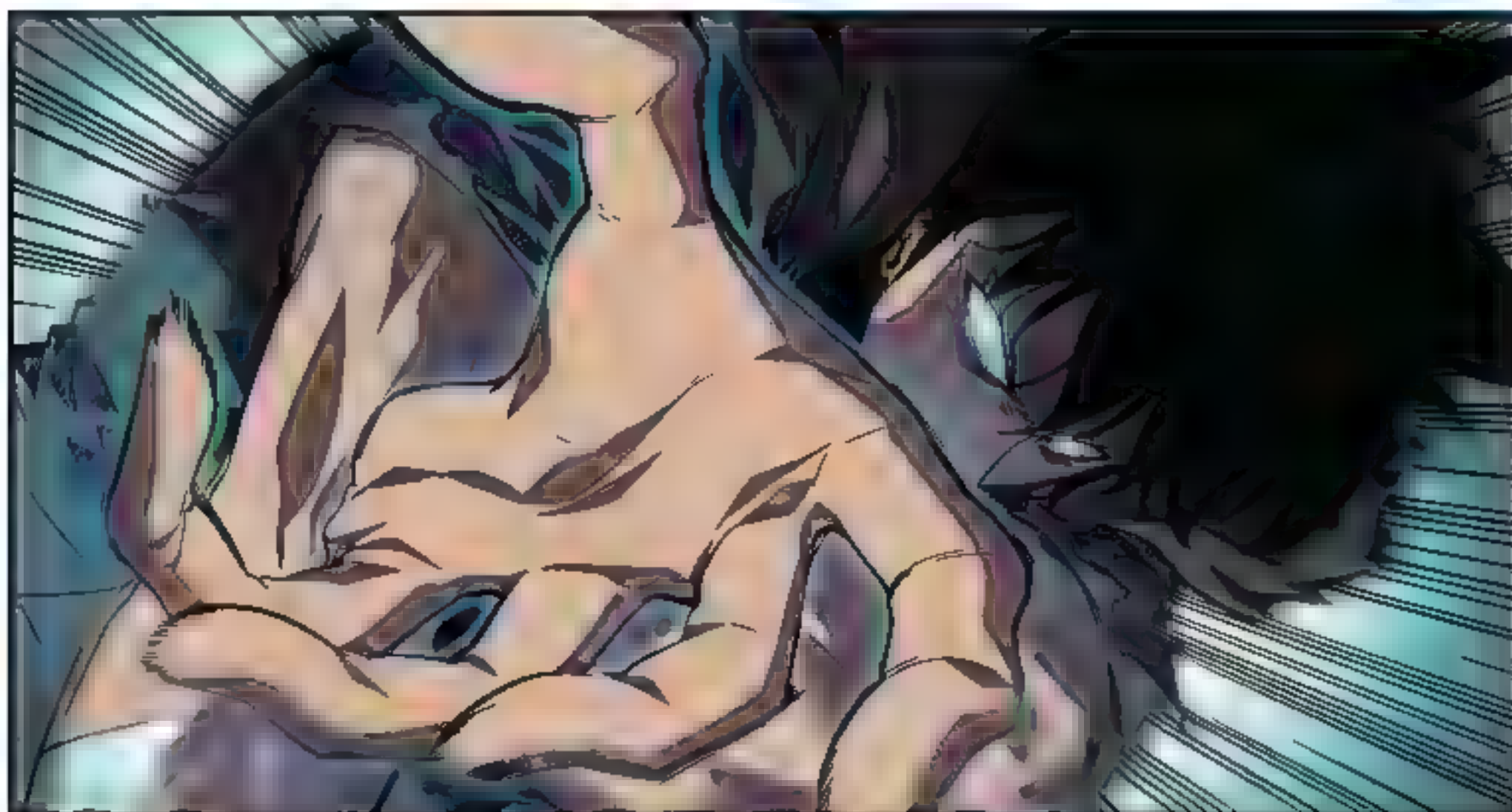
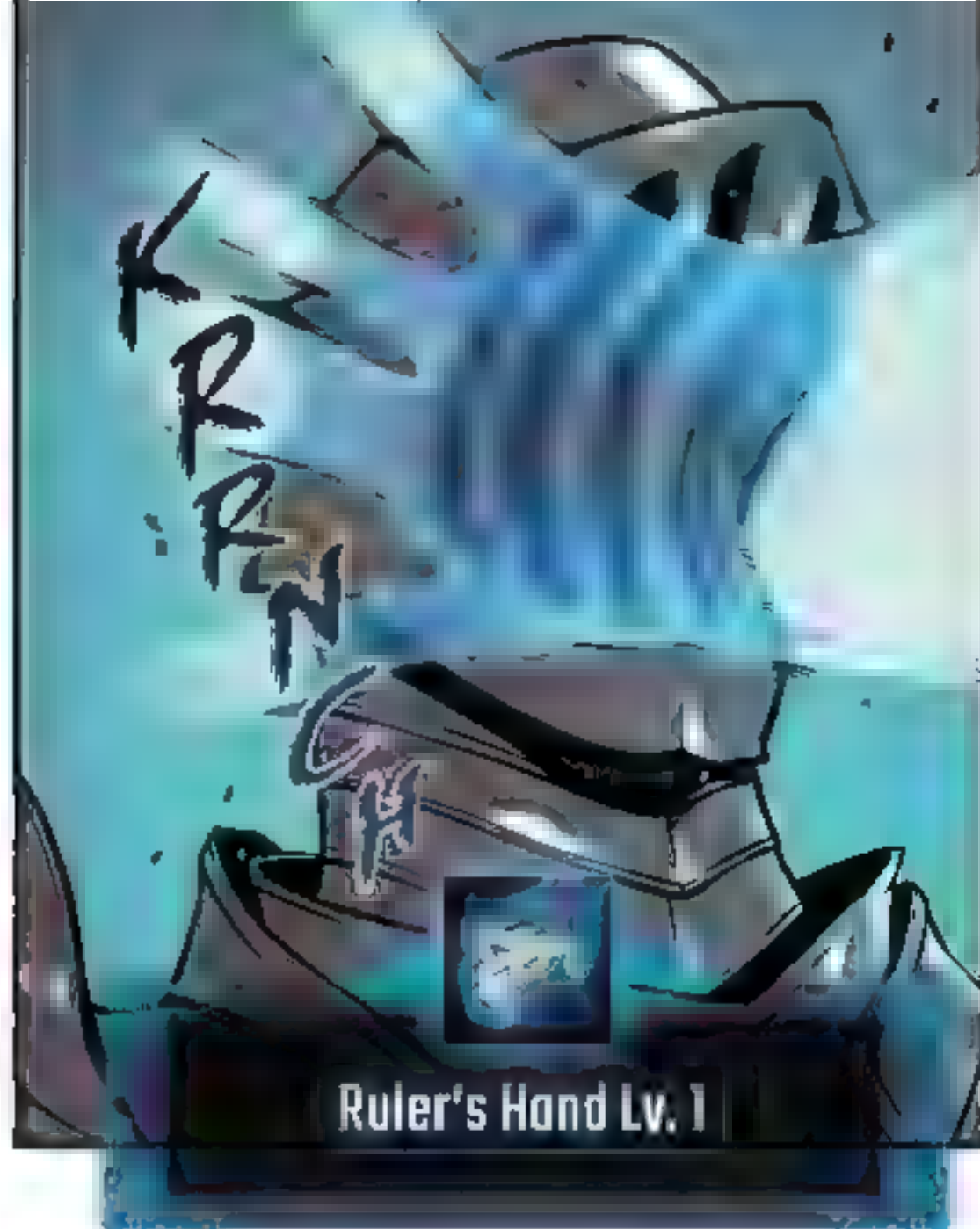
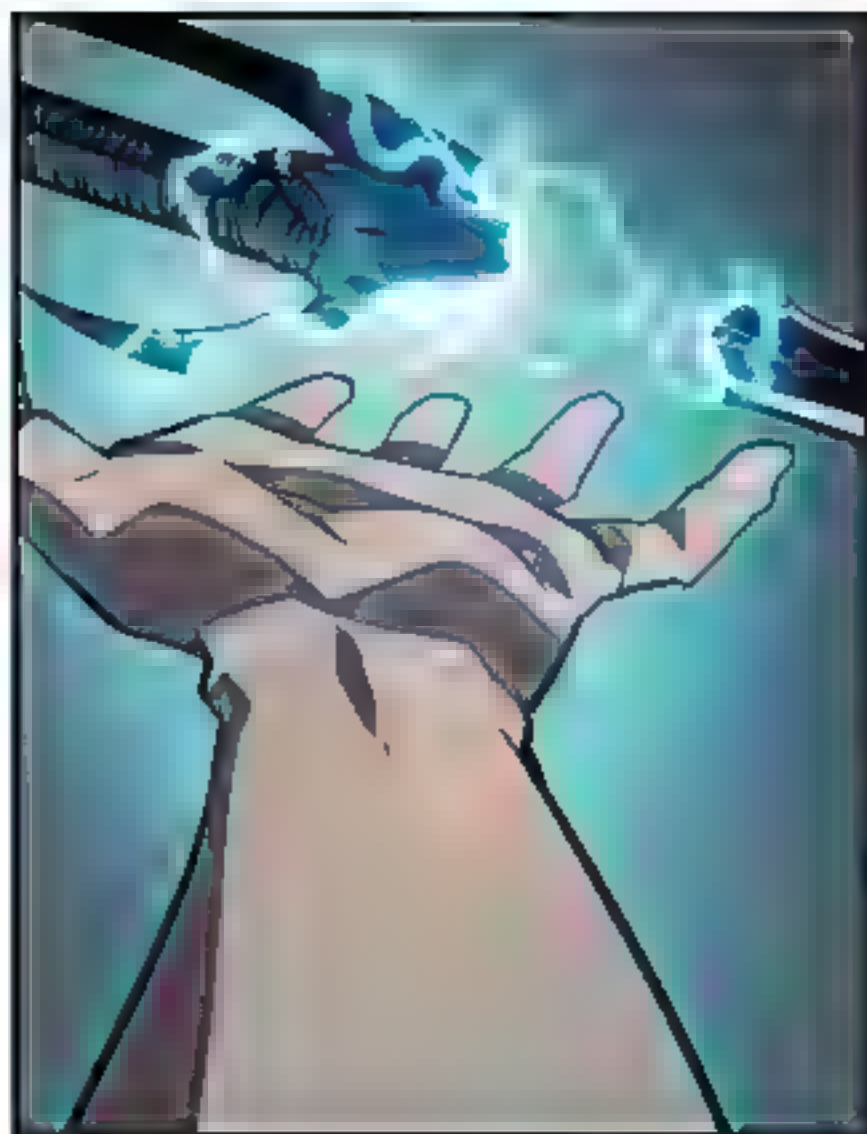


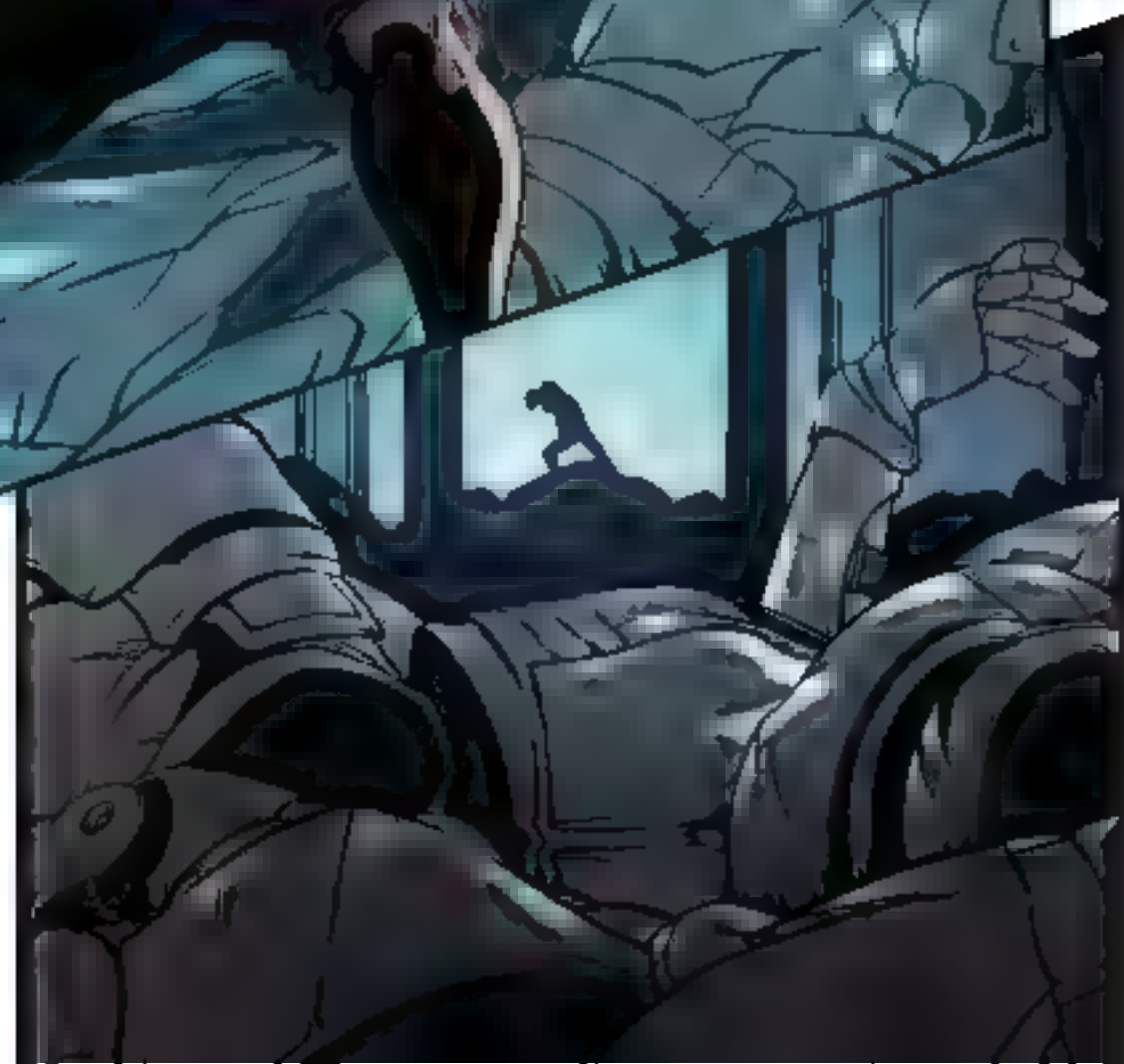


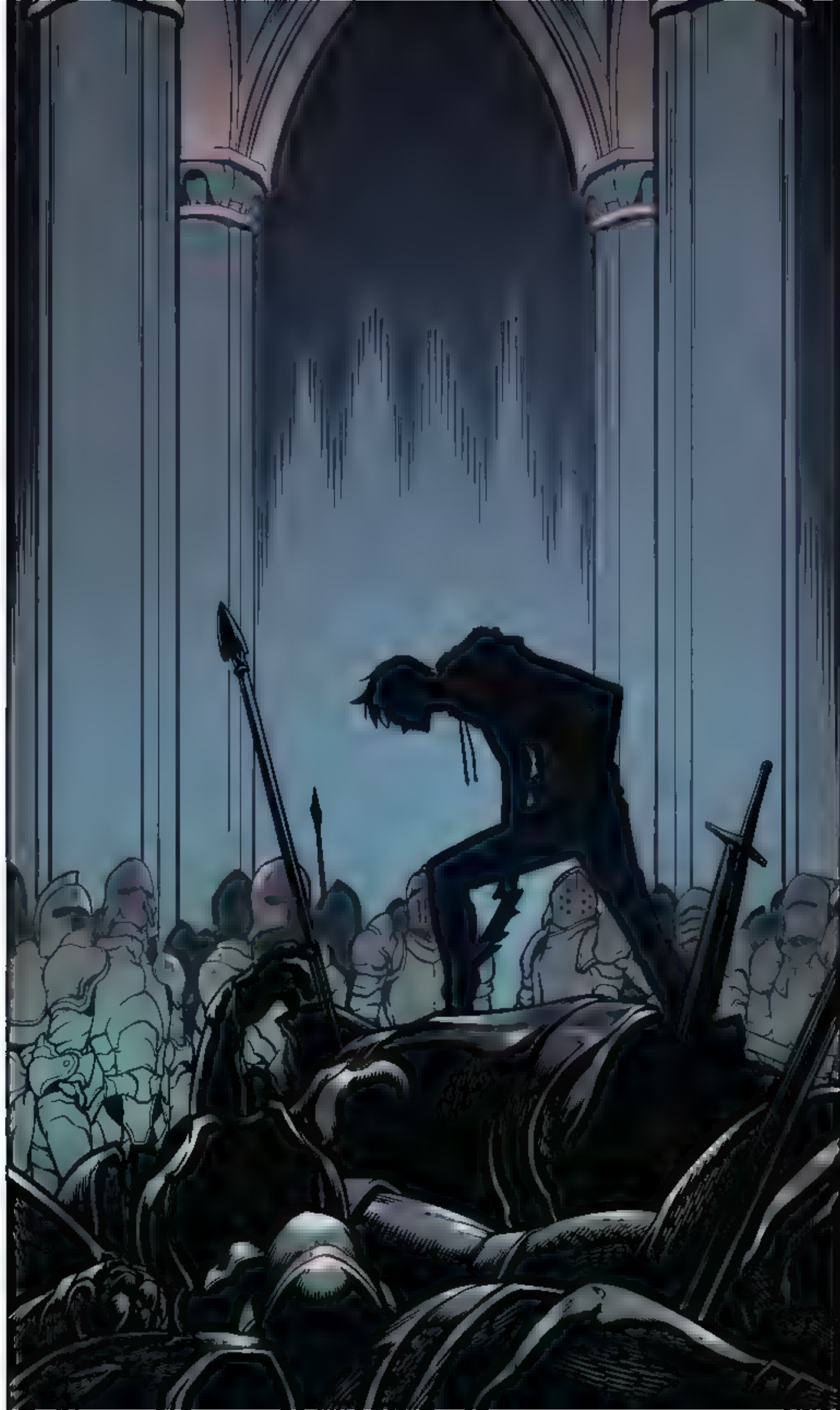
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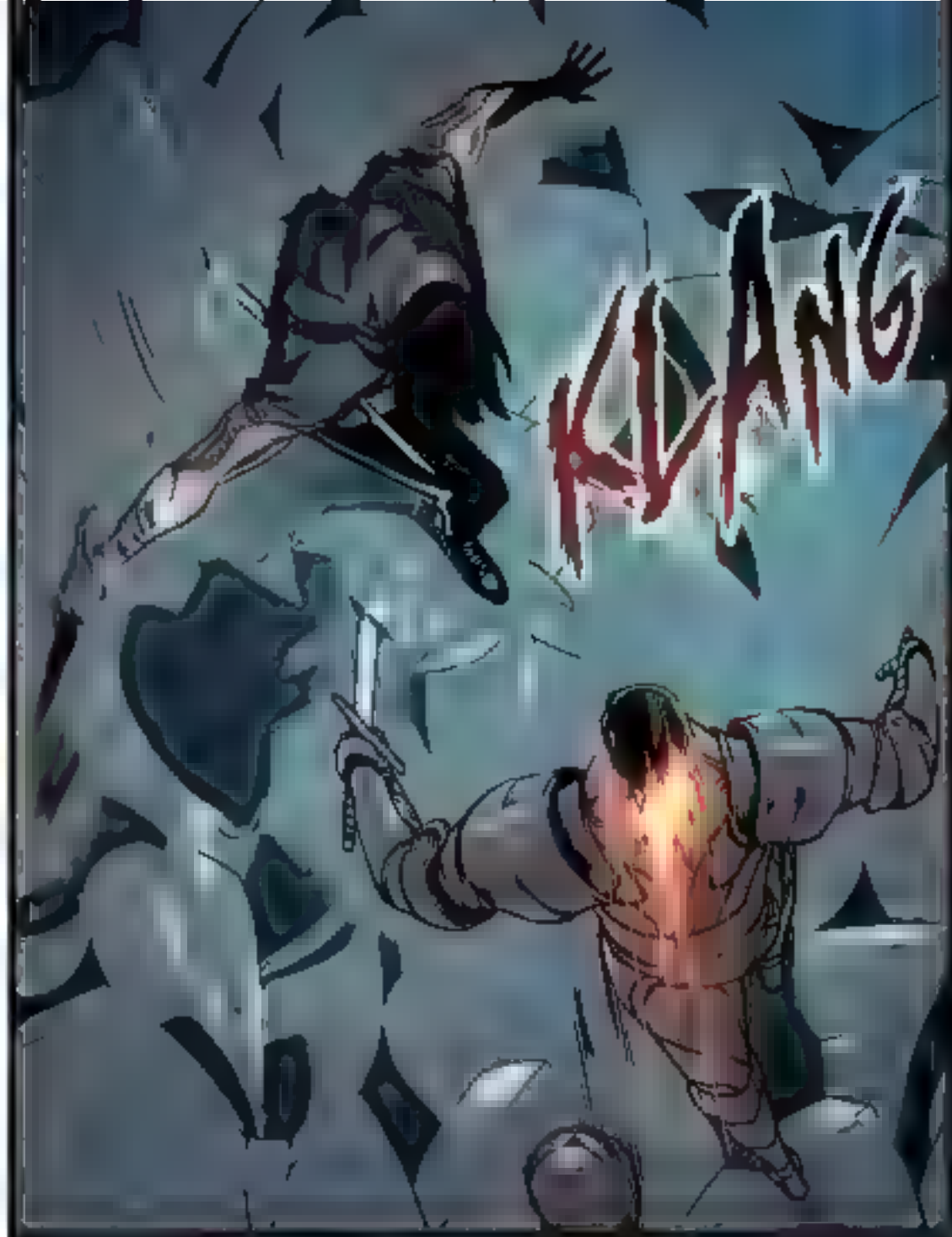
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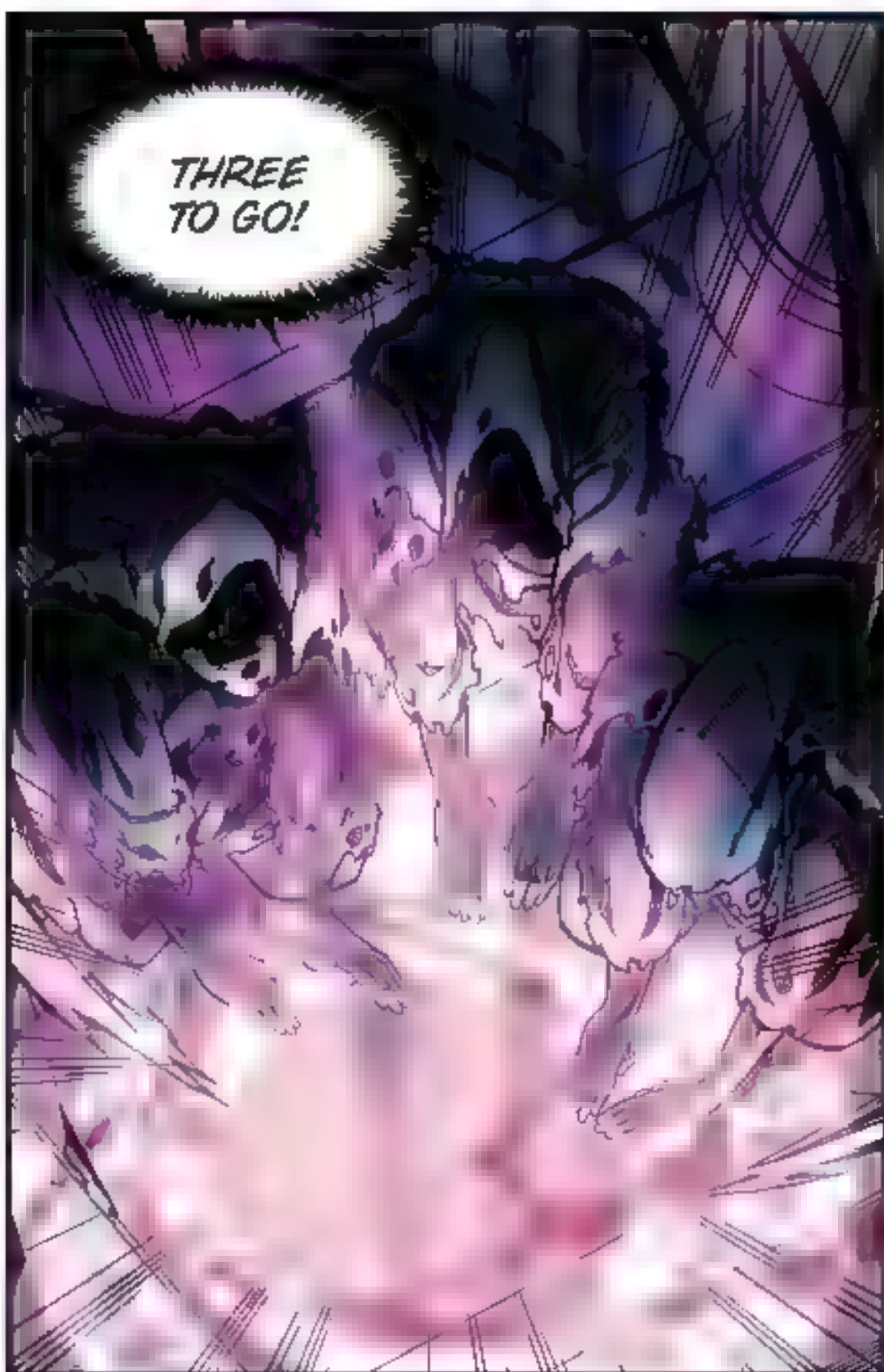
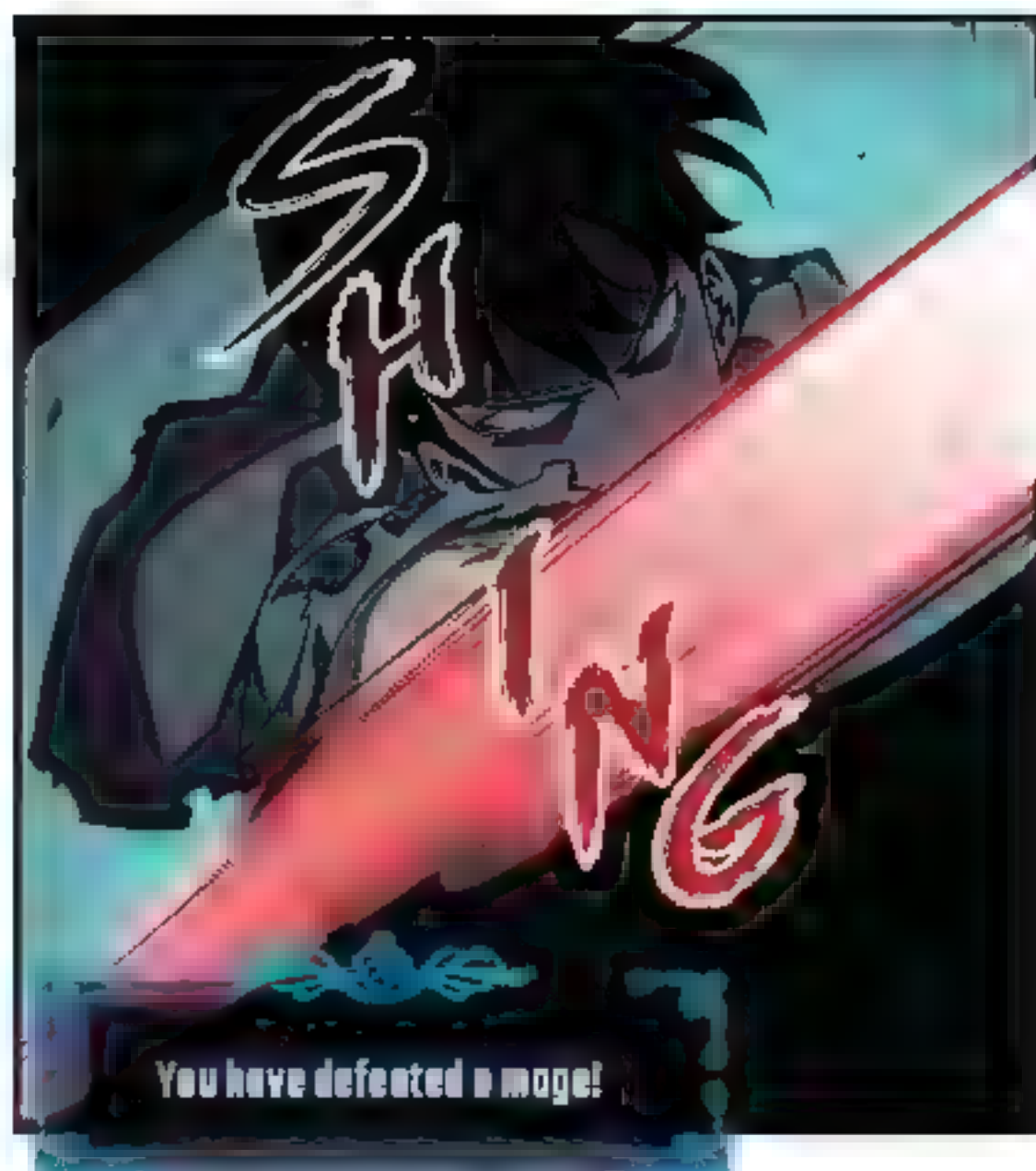
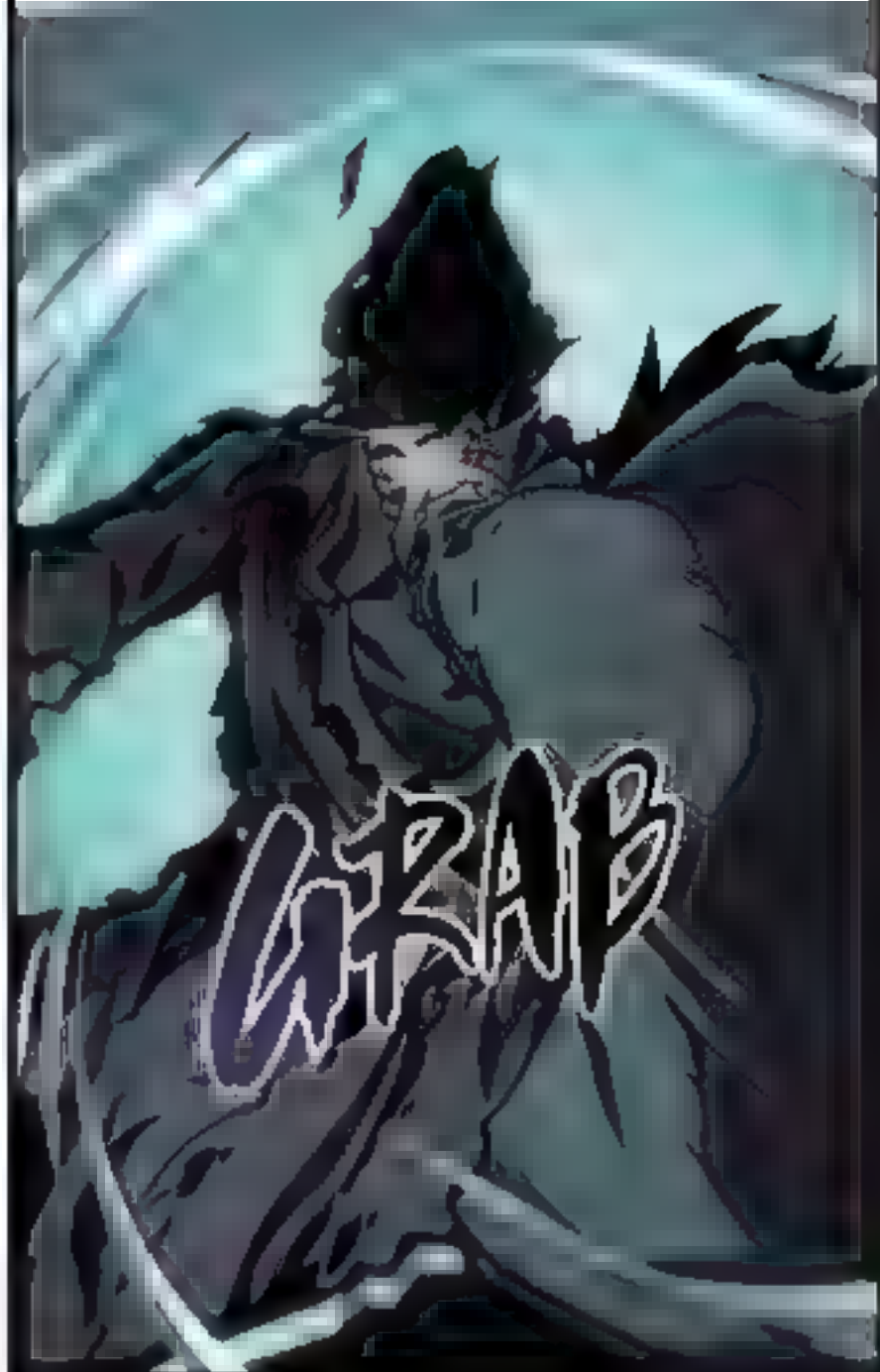


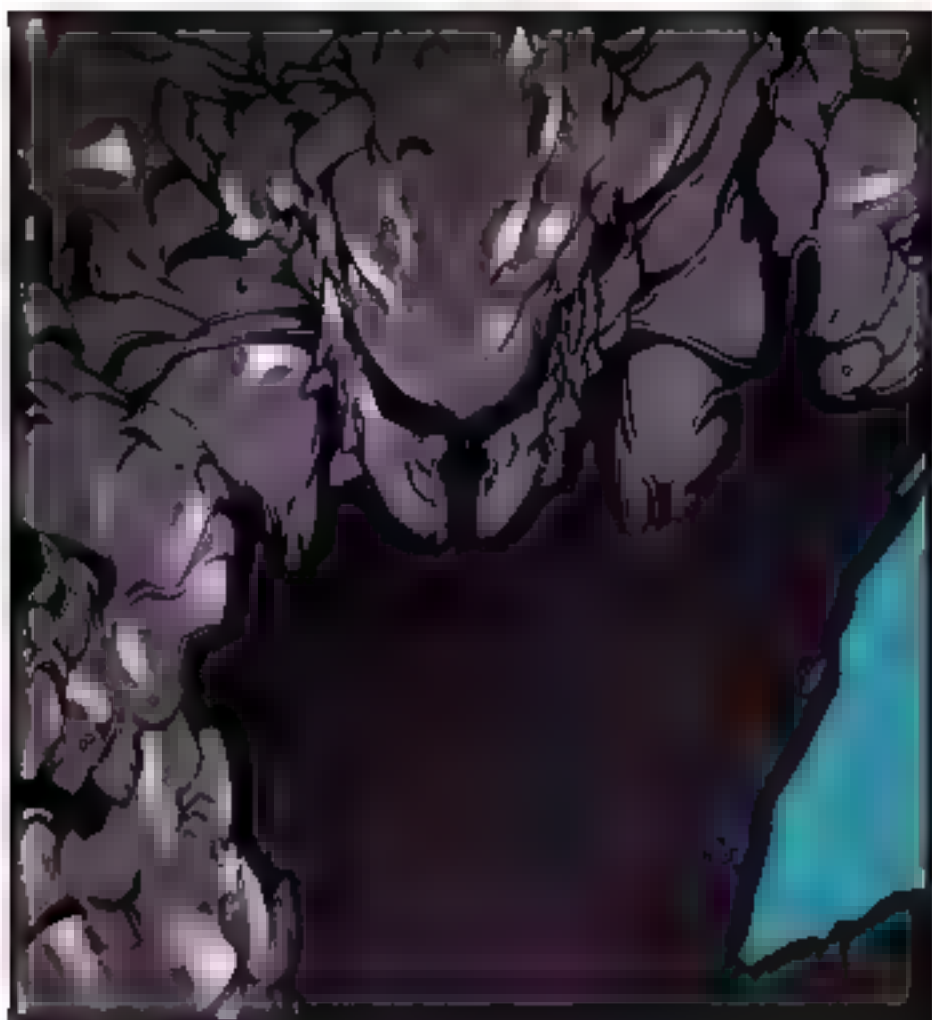
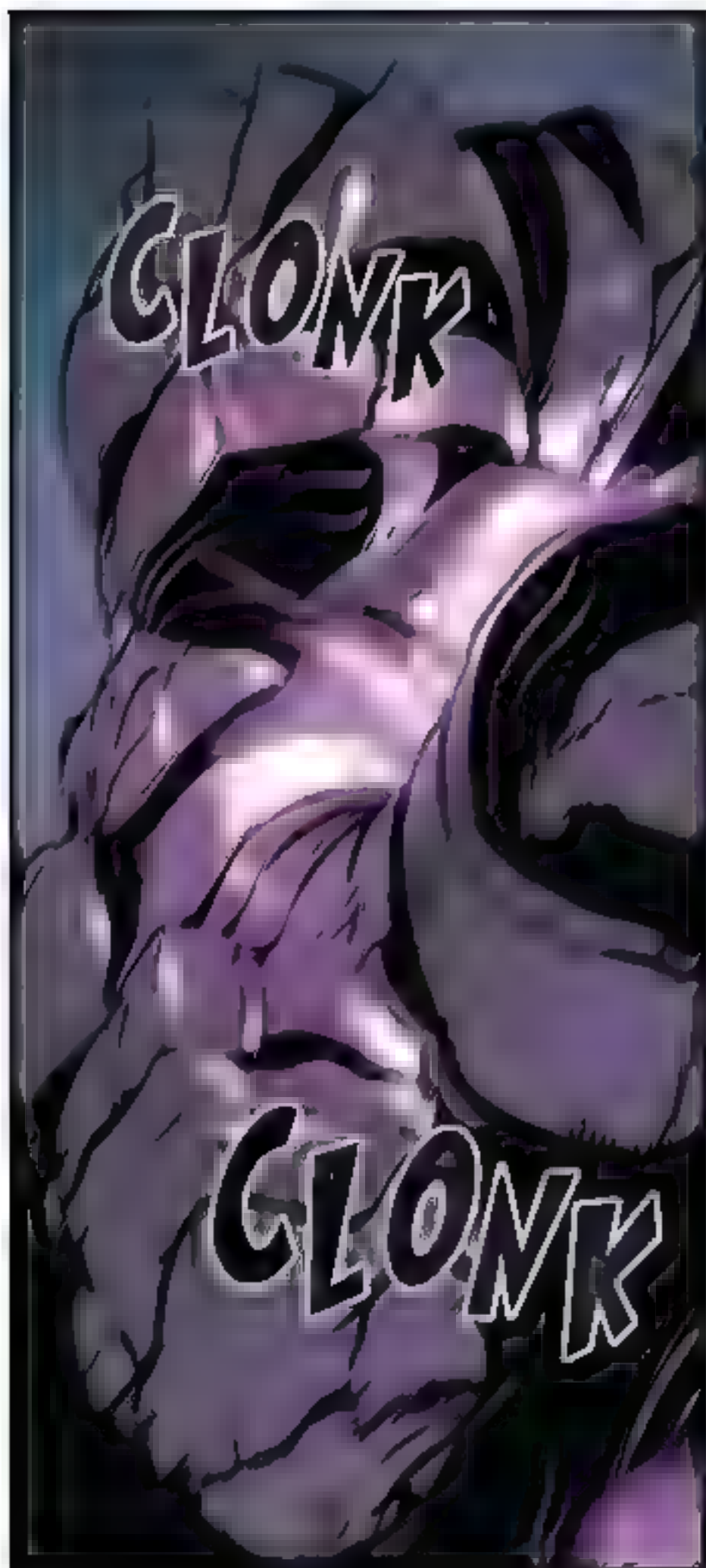


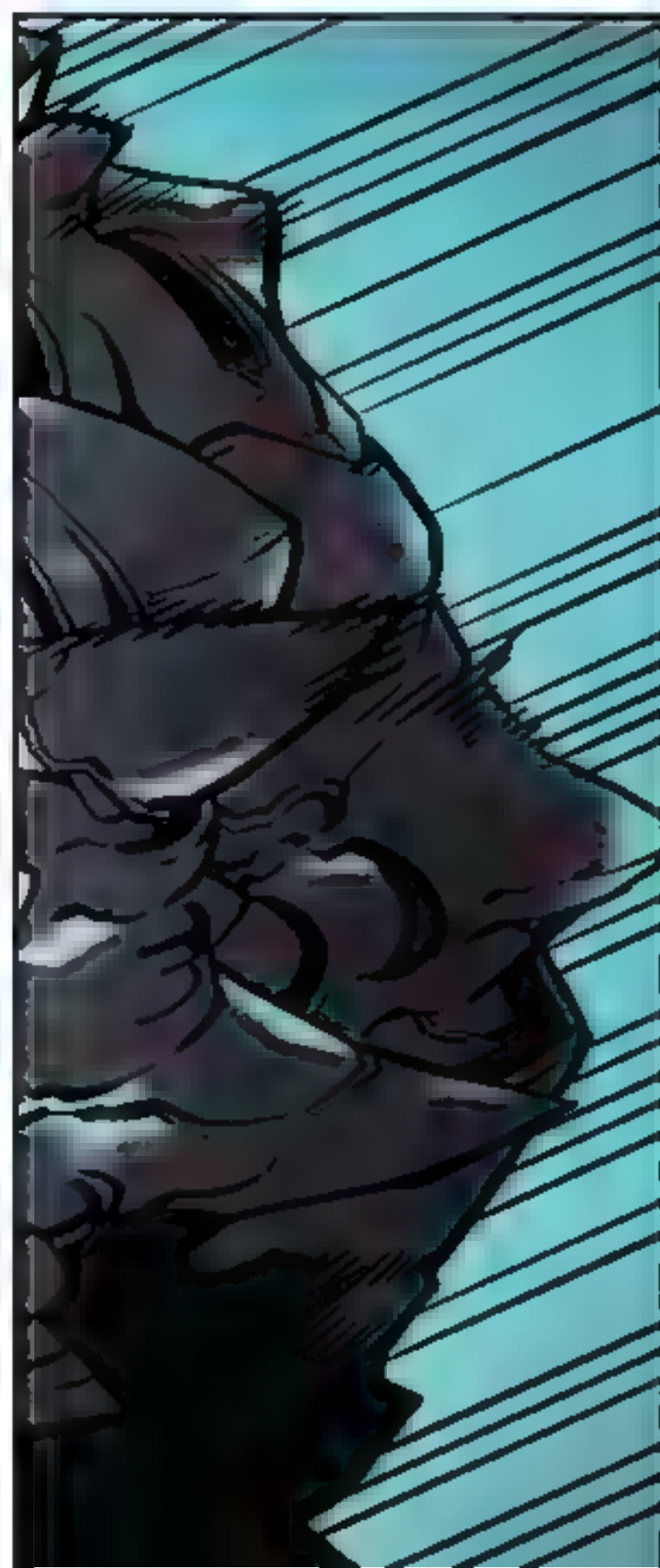


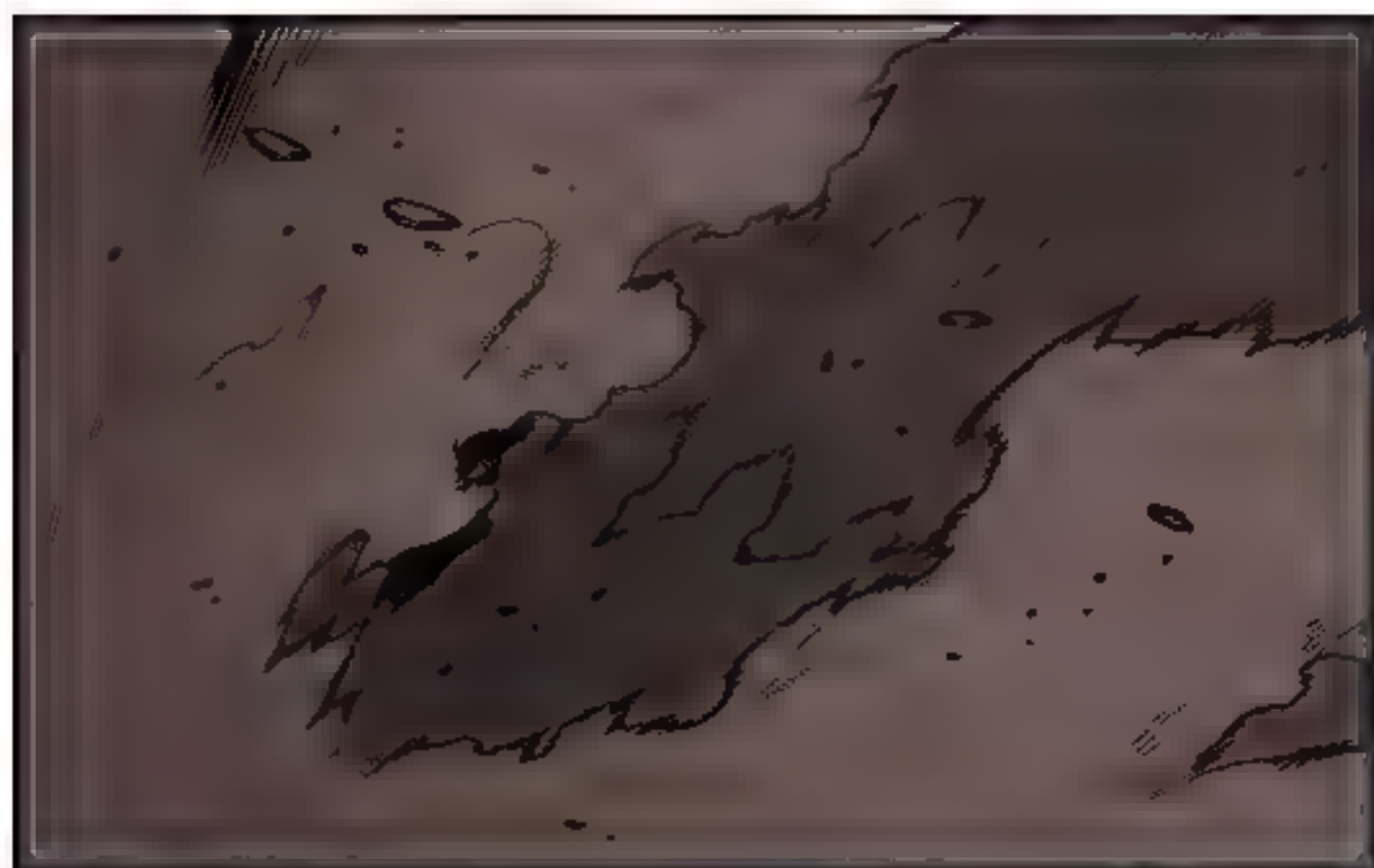
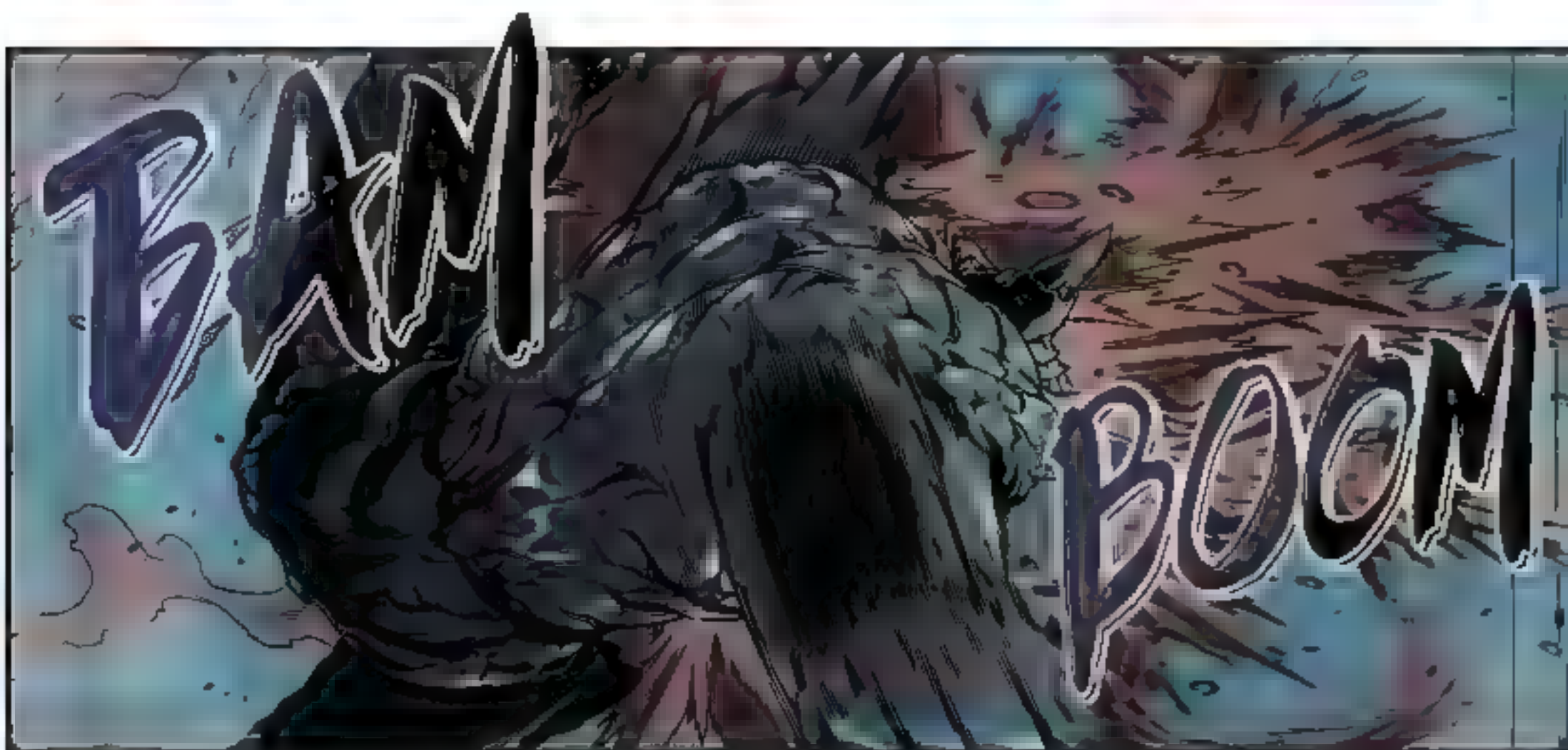
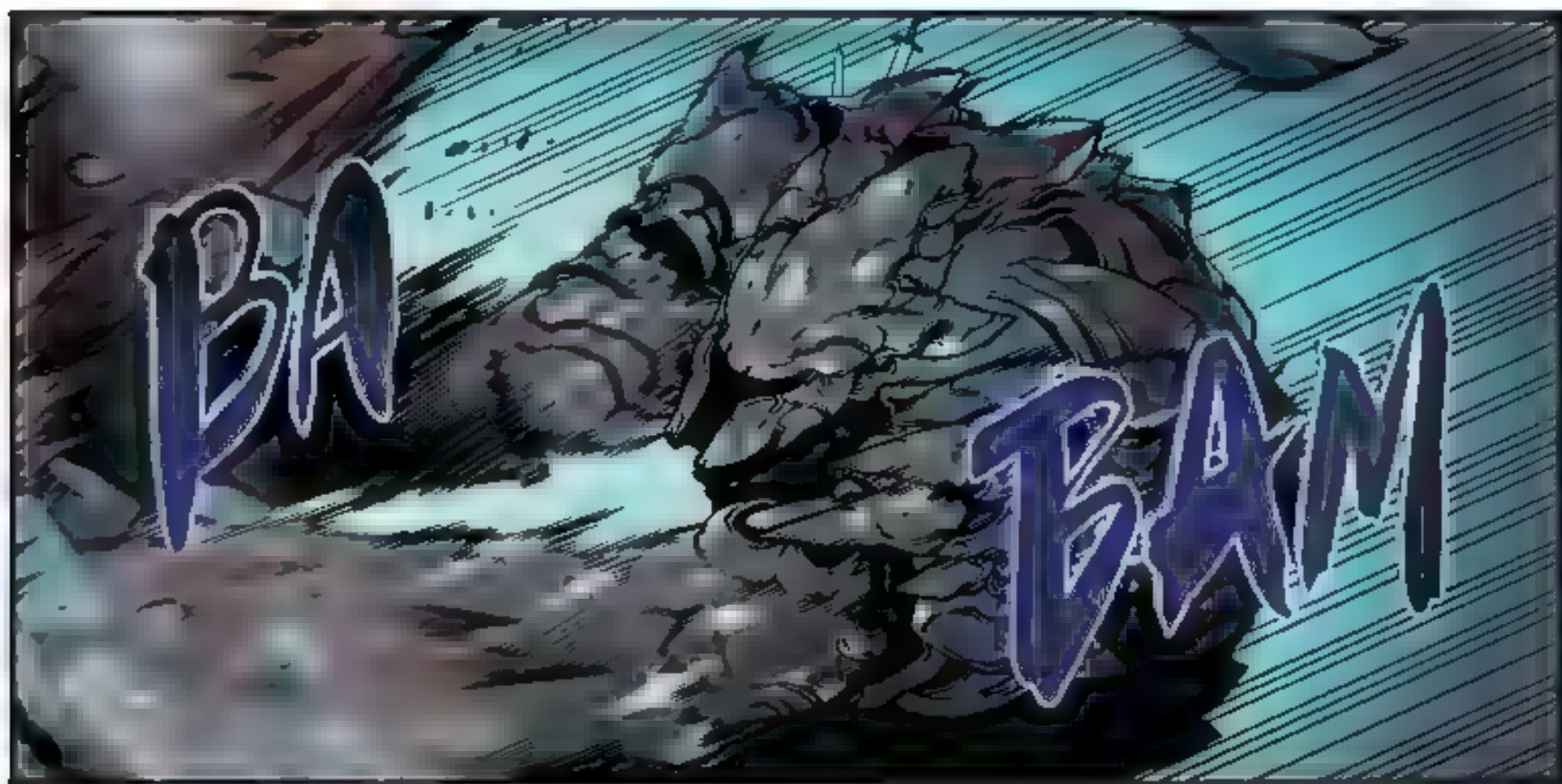


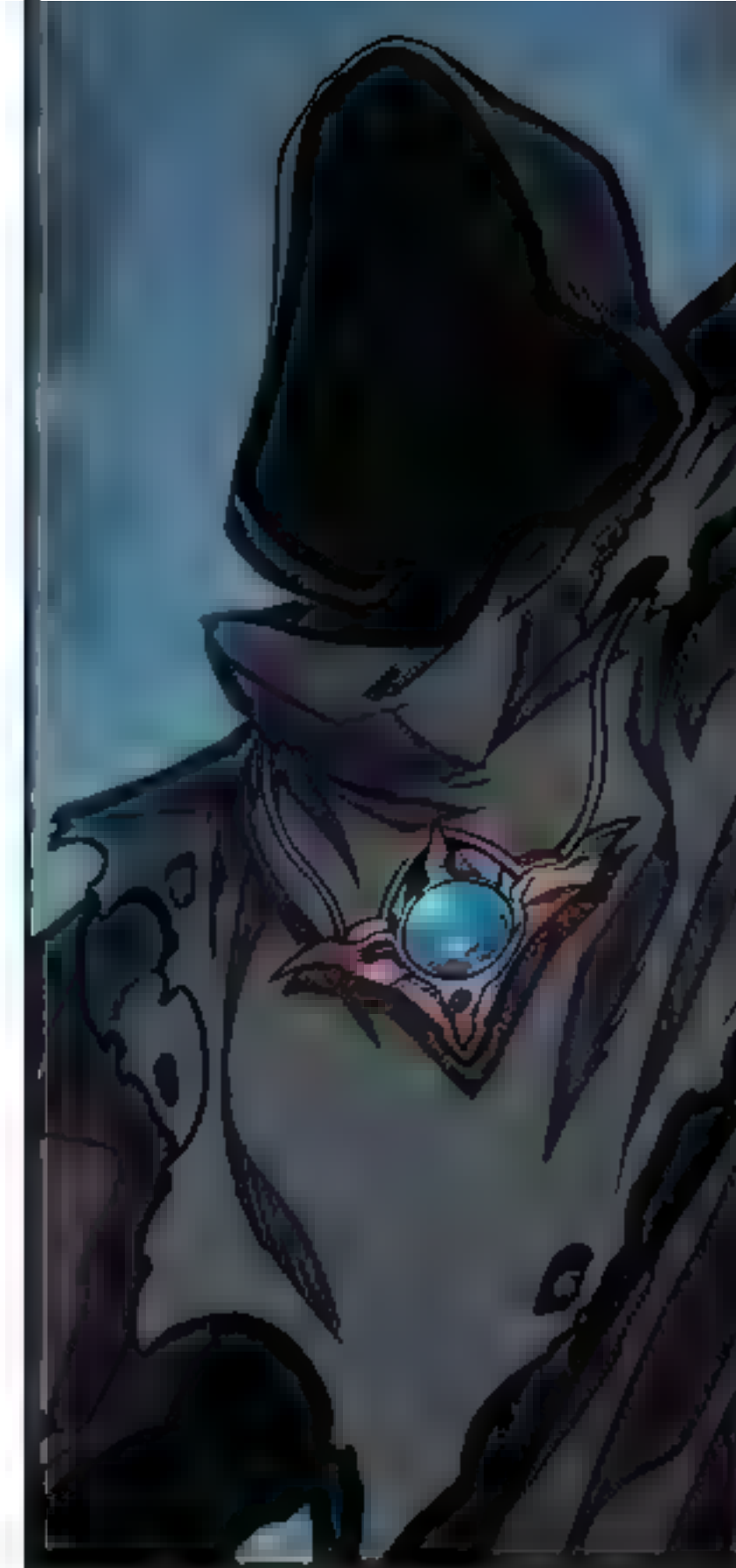
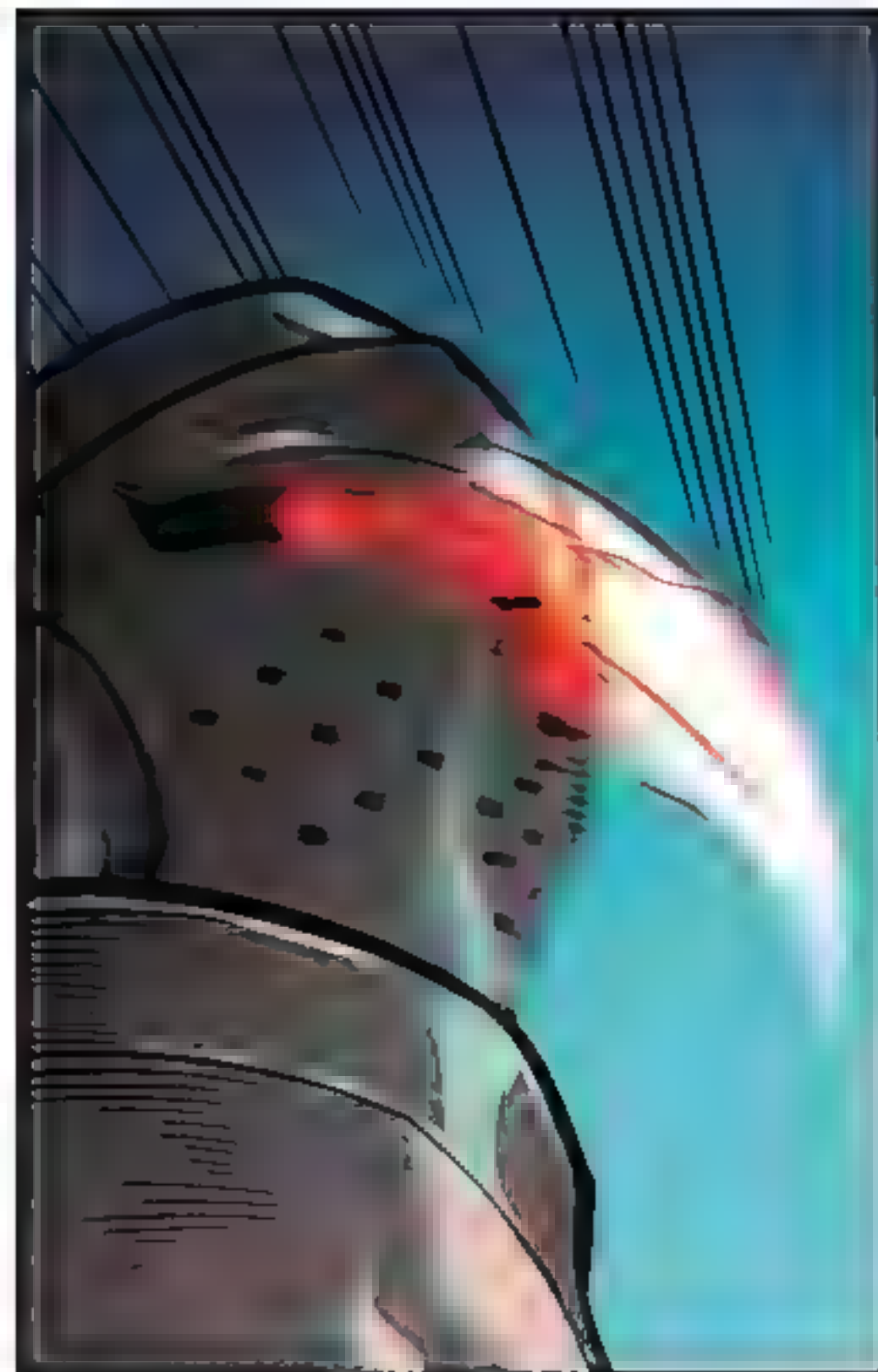


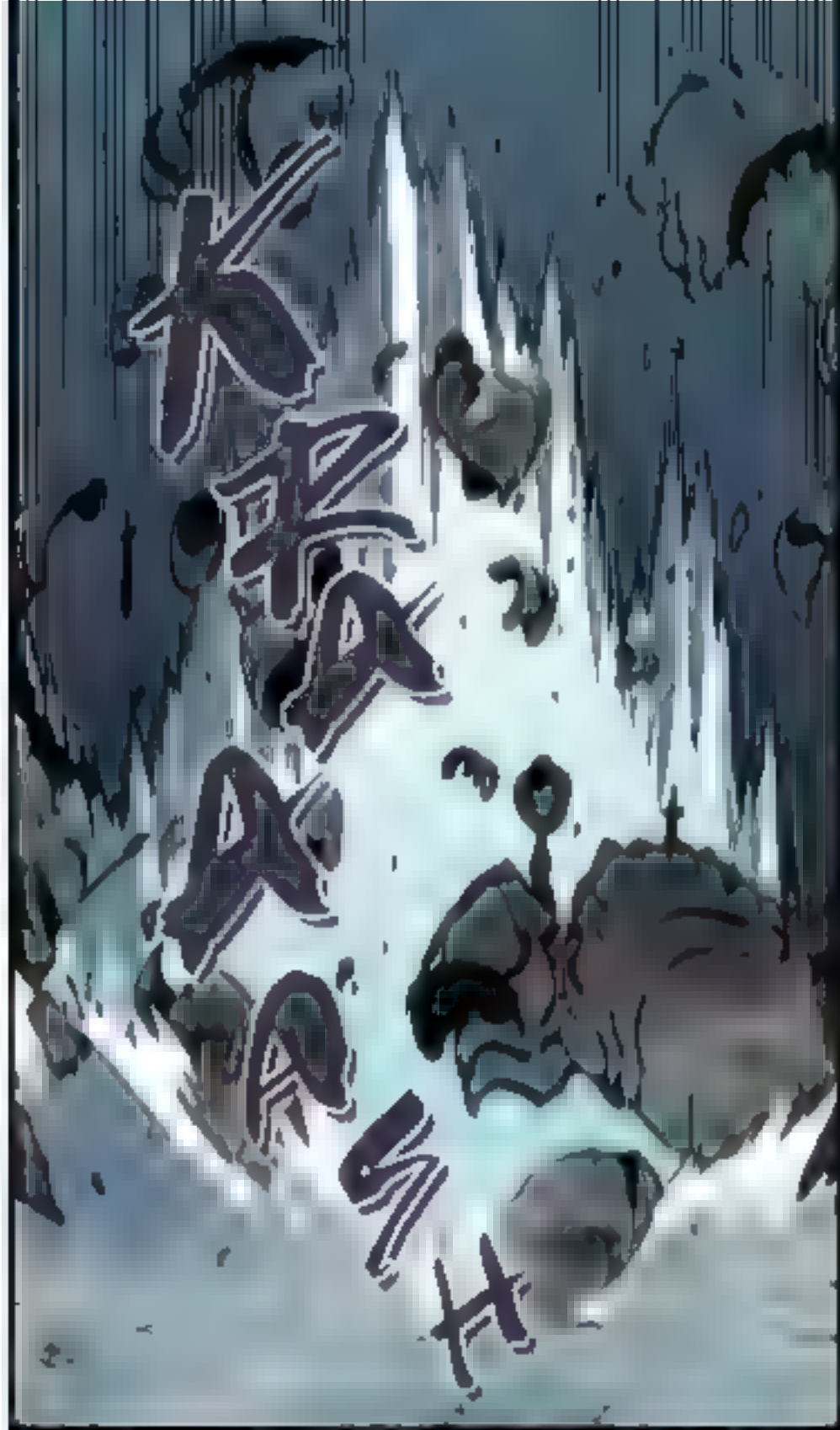


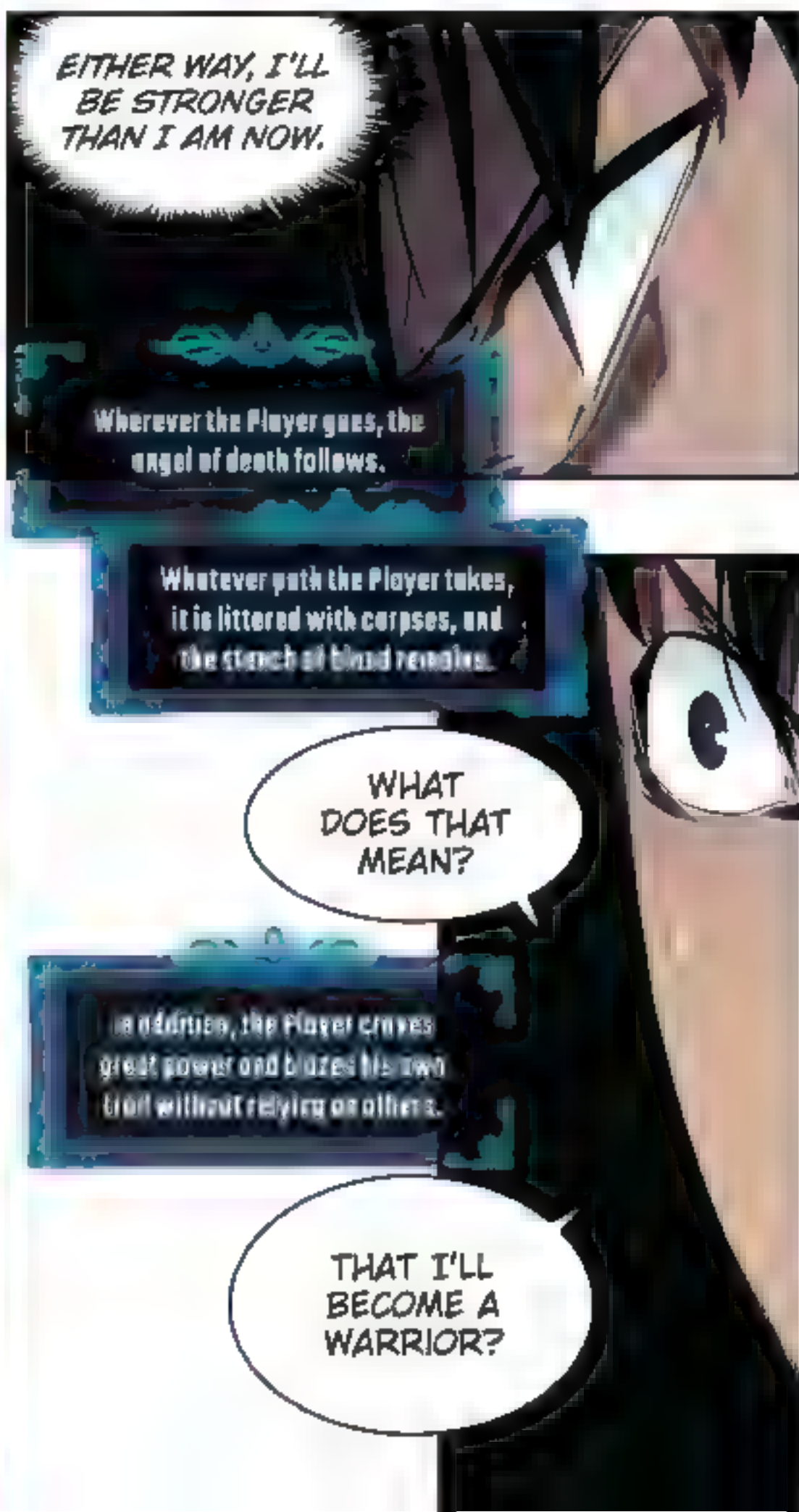
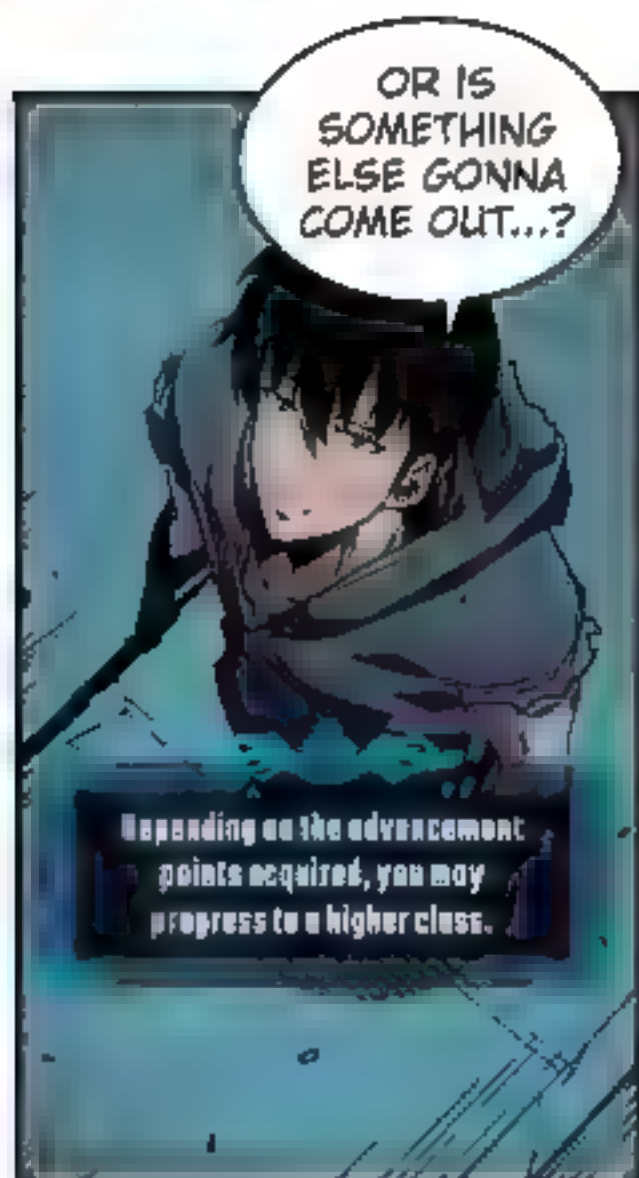


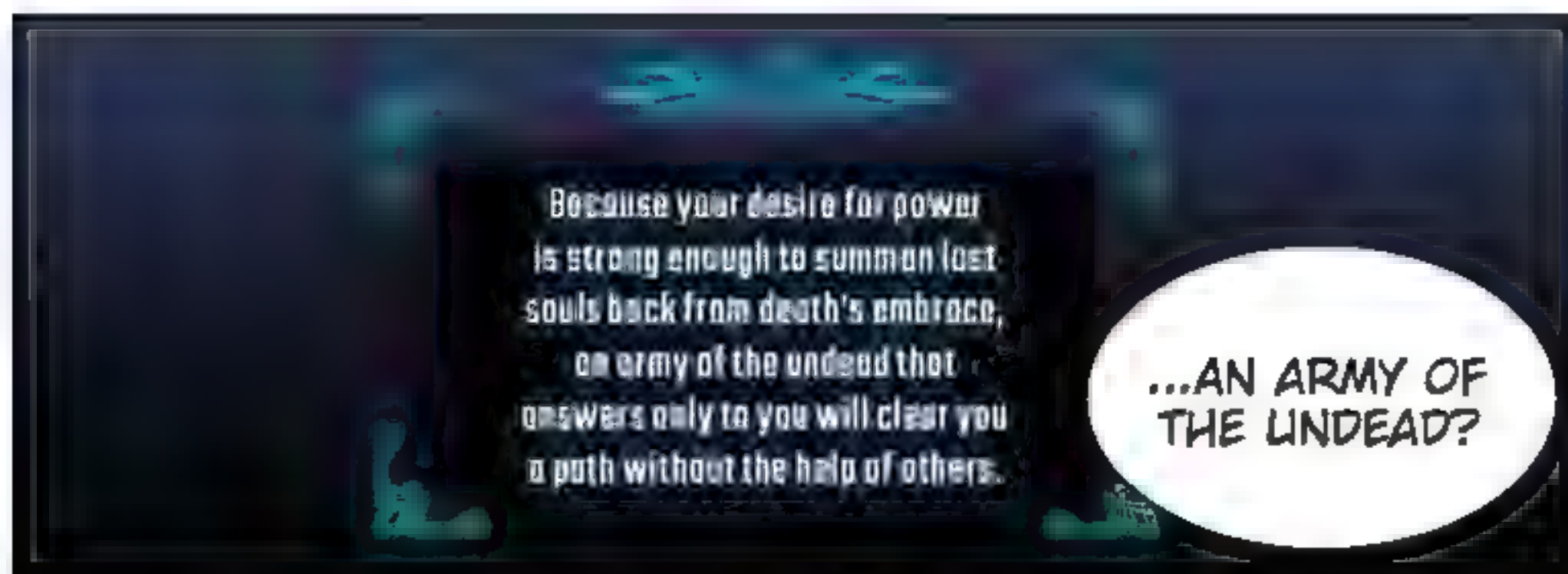












Your job is cancer.



Your job is necromancer.

I'VE NEVER DONE
ANYTHING WITH
THE INTELLIGENCE
STAT, SO WHY...?!

Your job is necr

ob is necromancer.

EVER
SINCE I WAS
AWAKENED AS AN
E-RANK HUNTER,
I'VE BEEN A
BRAWLER.

WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF
SANGSHIK'S STEEL
SWORD, I'VE
ALWAYS USED
DAGGERS...

...AND ALL
THE SKILLS I GOT
UP TO NOW MADE ME
PERFECTLY SUITED TO
BEING AN ASSASSIN.
SO HOW WAS I
CHOSEN TO HAVE
THIS JOB?

NECROMANCERS
ARE A TYPE OF
MAGE.

CREEPY-LOOKING
MAGES WITH
ARMIES OF
THE UNDEAD
FOLLOWING
THEM.

I DON'T KNOW IF THERE
ARE ANY NECROMANCERS
AMONG HUNTERS, BUT IN
VIDEO GAMES AND BOOKS,
NECROMANCERS USE
MINIONS TO FIGHT BATTLES.

...I NEED TO
CALM DOWN
FIRST.

ON THE PLUS
SIDE, BEING A
NECROMANCER
MEANS...

...I CAN
COMMAND MY
OWN ARMY, LIKE
THE SYSTEM
SAID?

BUT DO I GET
STRONGER?

ARE ALL MY
STATS USELESS
NOW?

STATUS
Strength: 132
Stamina: 01
Quality: 111
Intellect: 70
Perception: 03

OH! AT LEAST
I HAVE A
CHOICE...

NOTIFICATION

Will you accept this job?

ACCEPT

DECLINE

PING!

IF I DECLINE,
I CAN STILL GET
ANOTHER JOB,
RIGHT...?

NOTIFICATION

Will you accept this job?

DECLINE.

Necromancer is a hidden class.
Will you still decline?

PING!

HIDDEN...
CLASS?



A HUNTER WHO CAN
GENERATE A SHIELD...

A HUNTER WHO CAN GIVE
BUFFS, EVEN THOUGH THEY
AREN'T A HEALER...

RUMOR HAS IT THAT
YOONHO BAEK, MASTER
OF THE WHITE TIGER
GUILD, CAN TRANSFORM
INTO A MAGIC BEAST.

HUNTERS WITH
SPECIAL POWERS
LIKE THAT ARE
RECRUITED BY
LARGE GUILDS
AND ENJOY
EXTRAORDINARY
PRIVILEGES.

DOES A HIDDEN
CLASS MEAN
HAVING A SPECIAL
ABILITY LIKE THOSE
HUNTERS?



IF ONLY I
COULD EXPERIENCE
WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING
A NECROMANCER,
I WOULDN'T HAVE
TO DEBATE LIKE
THIS.

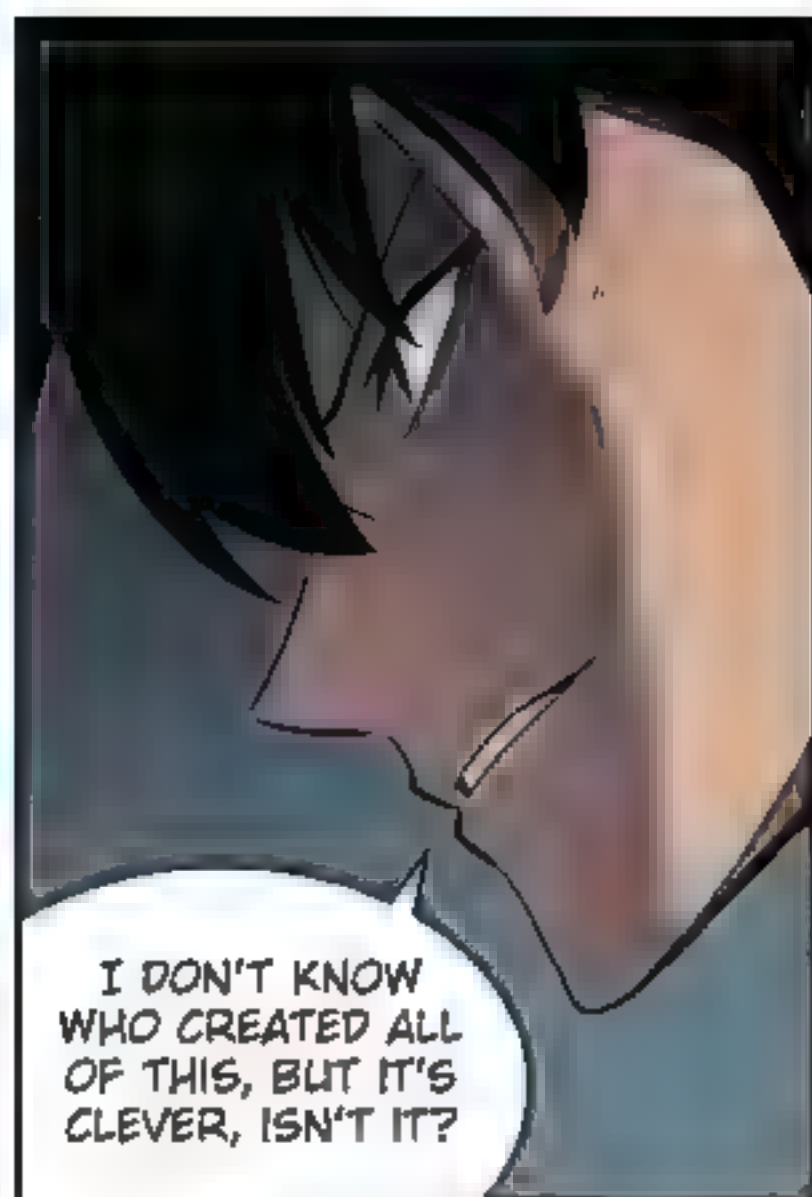


OH...

THAT'S
RIGHT. THESE
MAGES PROBABLY
USED ABILITIES
SIMILAR TO A
NECROMANCER'S.



IT'S LIKE
SOMEONE WAS
SHOWING ME A
SAMPLE!



I DON'T KNOW
WHO CREATED ALL
OF THIS, BUT IT'S
CLEVER, ISN'T IT?



I'M A SKILLED
FIGHTER, UNLIKE
THESE MAGES,
THOUGH.

WHAT IF A
MAGE WHO WAS ALSO
A GREAT FIGHTER
COULD COMMAND HIS
OWN ARMY...?



I MAY BE ABLE TO
CLEAR A B-RANK
DUNGEON OR HIGHER
BY MYSELF!

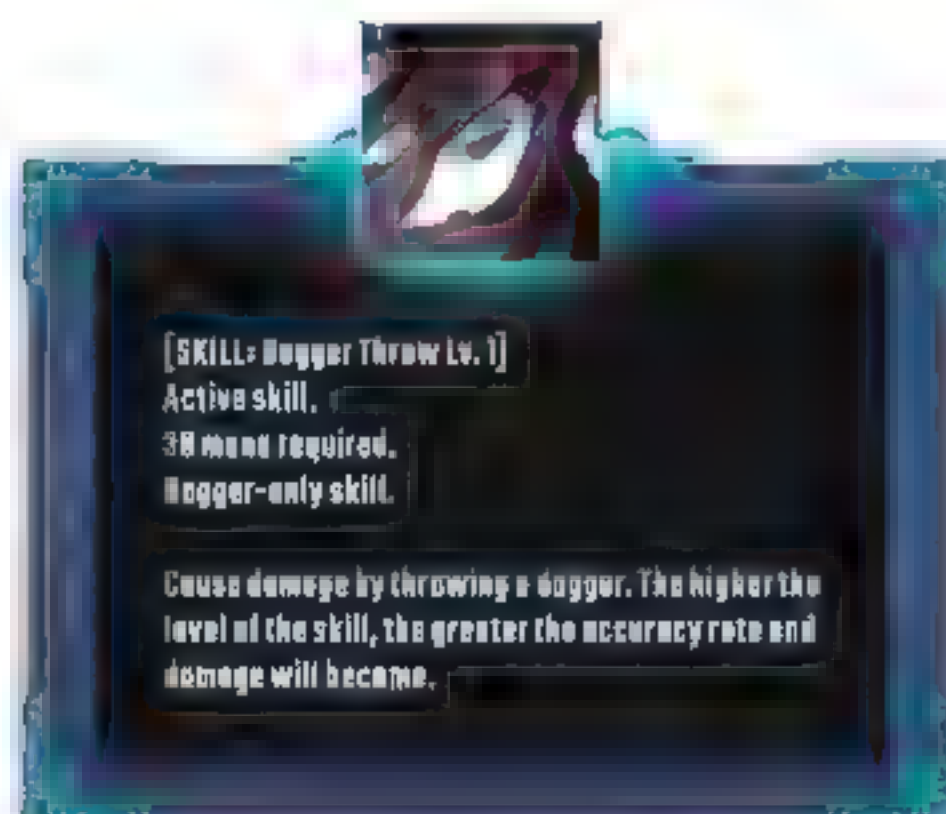
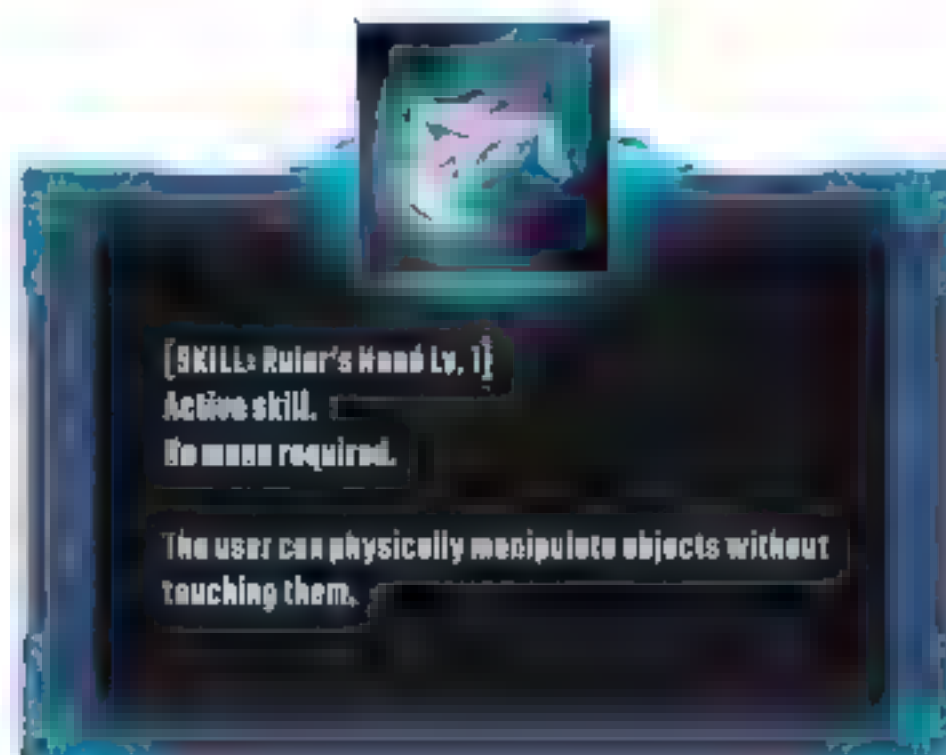
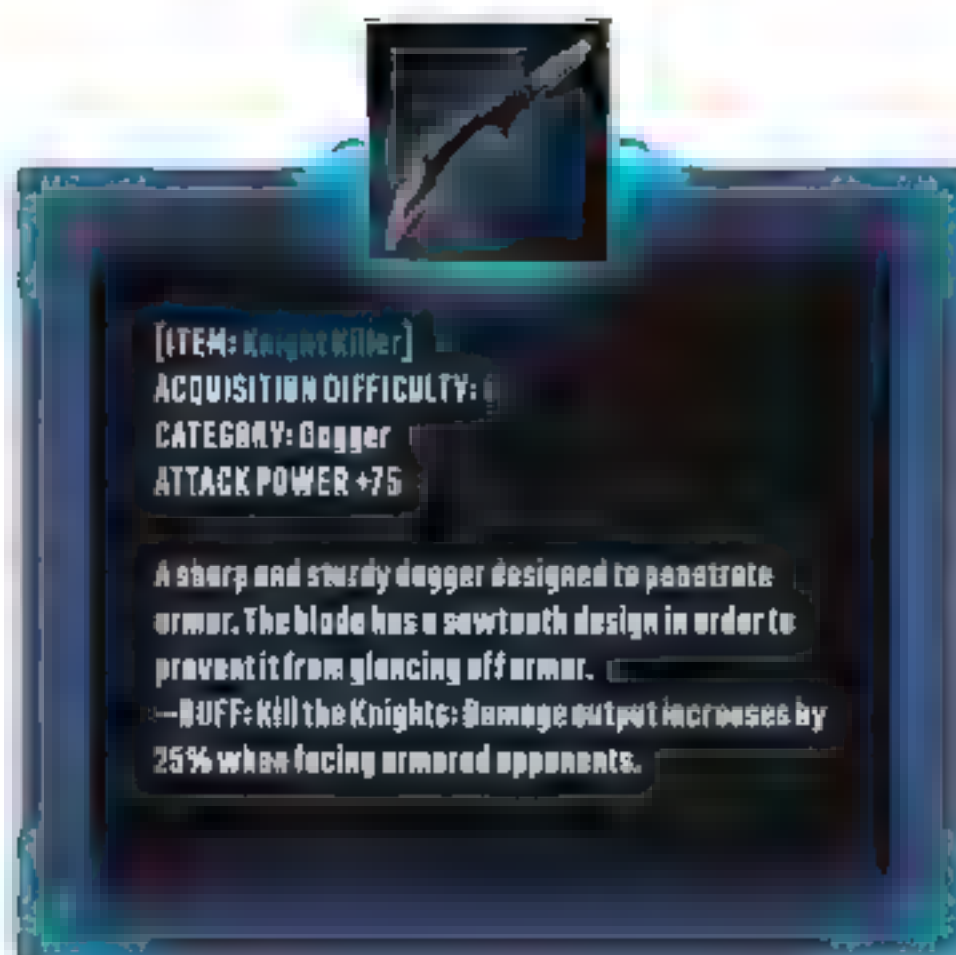


THIS GAME IS ALL
ABOUT SKILL LEVELS
AND ABILITY STATS!

SO THAT
MEANS MY
MINIONS SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
LEVEL UP AS
WELL!



**NO MORE SOLO
LEVELING?**



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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE RED GATE!

Those who leave or those who are left behind—
Who will survive?!



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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!**



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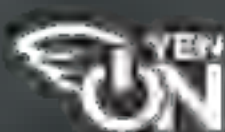
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